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December 24, 1941

Mr. Byron Price, Director  
Office of Censorship, Room 4406  
Post Office Department Building  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Price:

With reference to your letter of December 23, 1941, inviting me to designate a representative on the Censorship Operating Board, I am pleased to submit the name of Inspector L. A. Hince of the Federal Bureau of Investigation as my representative upon this board. Mr. Hince will be available for attendance at the meetings and deliberation of this board.

Very truly yours,

G. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
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OFFICE OF CENSORSHIP

Room 4406  
Post Office Department Building

WASHINGTON

December 23, 1941

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
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Mr. Ladd	✓
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Mr. Quinn Tamm	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

My dear Mr. Hoover:

The Executive Order establishing the Office of Censorship, approved by the President on December 19, 1941, contains the following provision:

"The Director of Censorship shall establish a Censorship Operating Board, which shall consist of representatives of such departments and agencies of the Government as the Director shall specify. Each representative shall be designated by the head of the department or agency which he represents. The Censorship Operating Board shall, under the supervision of the Director, perform such duties with respect to operations as the Director shall determine".

For obvious reasons, the Federal Bureau of Investigation should be represented on the Censorship Operating Board. Since it is desirable to have this Board organized without delay, I would appreciate it deeply if you would advise me at your earliest convenience of your choice of a representative from your Agency.

Very truly yours,

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BYRON PRICE  
DIRECTOR

10 DEC 31 1941

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Censorship of cables, etc.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
New York, New York

Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. E. A. Tamm.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Glavin.....
Mr. Ladd.....
Mr. Nichols.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Mr. Rosen.....
Mr. Carson.....
Mr. Hendon.....
Mr. Holloman.....
Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
Mr. Nease.....
Miss Gandy.....
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PERSONAL AND ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

December 31, 1941

EFE/NTP  
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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: [redacted]  
[redacted] NEW YORK CITY

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Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith [redacted]  
[redacted] New York City which appear  
to be [redacted]

These are being forwarded to the Bureau for  
its information.

Very truly yours,

*P. E. Foxworth*  
P. E. FOXWORTH  
Assistant Director

ENCLOSURES

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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

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Ownership of cables, etc.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

LAH:MS

December 15, 1941

Called: 5:30 P.M.  
Dictated: 5:55 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Censorship ~~of~~ FBI Mail

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Beahm \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Inspector Williams, Post Office, was telephoned and informed that the Bureau desires the privilege of a locked mail pouch from the Honolulu FBI Office to FBI Offices at Washington.

Inspector Williams stated he would arrange this and would telephone tomorrow morning confirming the arrangements.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

*Censorship of cables*

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

HHC:MET

December 17, 1941

TIME: 3:59 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: CENSORSHIP - TREASURY

Mr. Gordon of the State Department called. An item in a New York paper disclosed that Deputy Collector of Customs Herbert Chatham, at Nogales, Arizona, was stopping newspapers and magazines from crossing the border and that distribution of publications was banned, and that there was a stoppage of communications.

At 4:03 P.M. I called Mr. Cairns of the Treasury Department. He had seen the article. He felt sure it was grossly exaggerated. They were still carrying on their selective sampling program. Perhaps Chatham had been a little strict. They are sending two men to Nogales tonight to find out about this. I informed Mr. Gordon. He was glad to learn that at least the principle of selectivity had not been abandoned, and he assumes that either the story was inaccurate, exaggerated or else Mr. Chatham had been over-zealous.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
**Washington, D. C.**

December 17, 1941

HHC:LH

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Censorship

[redacted] Censorship telephoned.  
He has received a [redacted] that the International  
Communications Bureau at [redacted] had not been notified as to  
what had been censored and it was customary to inform  
that Bureau. I told [redacted] that there was no advice  
that any one desired to give [redacted] at present for until  
the legislation passed and the censorship organization  
was established no comments would be made along this line.  
He stated he understood and believed this was the proper  
decision.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

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Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Censorship of cables & radio*

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.  
December 16, 1941

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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LAH:LH

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Censorship - State Department

Mr. Emrich, New York, telephoned and stated that with reference to the [redacted] at New York the [redacted] maintained a desk in an office also used by a [redacted] railroad line and a [redacted] travel agency. Mr. Emrich stated that the telephone of the [redacted] had been disconnected and he inquired whether the other telephones should be disconnected. He was informed that they should not be disconnected. This was confirmed with Mr. Gordon of the State Department.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

*[Signature]* b7D

*Censorship 2 cables*

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HHC:MS

December 20, 1941

Mr. W. H. Wilbanks  
Gadsden, Alabama

Dear Mr. Wilbanks:

Reference is made to your telegram dated December 9, 1941, addressed to the President which has been referred to this Bureau, with reference to censorship of radio broadcasts. In this connection, you are advised that there does not appear to be any legal authority for censoring radio at this time. However, your suggestion will be presented for the consideration of the Director of Censorship as soon as he has taken office.

I wanted to take this occasion to let you know that your telegram has been received and a Director of Censorship has been appointed, whose powers and policies I am unable to forecast at this time.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE



From the desk of—  
E. K. JETT

Mr. Clegg.

I am passing  
this on to you.  
He refers to Broadcast  
stations.

Fisher.

Ownership of radio to.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

OFFICE FOR  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
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DEC 10 1941  
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December 9, 1941.

Respectfully referred to Office  
of Emergency Management for consideration  
and acknowledgment.

EDWIN M. WATSON  
Secretary to the President.



# CLASS OF SERVICE

This is a full-rate Telegram or Cablegram unless its deferred character is indicated by a suitable symbol above or preceding the address.

# WESTERN UNION

A. N. WILLIAMS  
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER  
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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FRANK D ROOSEVELT=

PRESIDENT US WASHDC=

PLEASE PUT CENSORSHIP ON THE RADIO AT ONCE=

W H WILBANKS

*W. E. M.*  
*Defense Communication Bd.*

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*12-20-41*  
*HAC*

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THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

TELEGRAM

*344/14 55WUC 60, 5 EX 3PM*  
**The White House**  
**Washington**

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*(Defense Communication Board)*

NEW YORK; N.Y., DECEMBER 9, 1941

THE PRESIDENT.

MR. PRESIDENT: WHEN AND HOW SOON ARE WE GOING TO HAVE GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF THESE RIDICULOUS RUMORS CONTINUALLY ON THE RADIO? NO RADIO STATION SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO BROADCAST ANY UNOFFICIAL AIR RAID WARNING OR THE RESULTING PANIC WILL COMPLETELY PARALYZE OUR COUNTRY IN THIS HOUR OF CRISIS. I HOPE IMMEDIATE ACTION WILL BE TAKEN.

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~~DORIS POWELL,~~  
435 WEST 23 STREET,  
NEW YORK CITY.



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December 20, 1941

J. E. Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Miss Doris Powell  
435 West 23rd Street  
New York, New York

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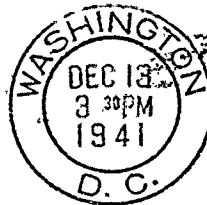
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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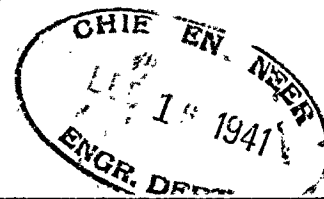
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

CHC:krc

December 8, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

5:20 a.m.

At this time, Mr. Emrich of New York called in connection with the [redacted] censorship up there and stated that they are getting copies of all the [redacted] going out of the country, some of which are in [redacted]

He informed that they are sending one copy of them to the Bureau immediately and the other copy they are going to try to have translated up there and if there is anything pertinent, they will give us a call on it.

With regard to the [redacted] Mr. Emrich inquired whether or not it had been broken by the Bureau. He advised that he had heard that the [redacted]

The writer informed him that we would check into the matter. He was also advised by the writer that the writer believes that [redacted] although we do have some information on it.

Respectfully,

C. H. Carson

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.**

DML:PC

December 15, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM *EAT*

Received: 9:20 AM

Transcribed: 9:30 AM

Mr. McDaniels of the Railway Express called and advised of the following shipment:

On December 9, 1941, the Tomoto Nursery, 26591 Soresen Lane, Hayward, California offered a shipment of cut flowers, movement air express service to Eric Johnson Incorporated, 630 South Wabash, Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. McDaniels stated he was furnishing this information in accordance with the present setup.

Respectfully,

*D. M. Ladd*  
D. M. Ladd

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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DIRECTOR



**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
**Washington, D. C.**

December 15, 1941

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Miss Gandy	.....

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Breckenridge Long advised me that they have received information from the American [redacted] in [redacted] that the [redacted] is issuing instructions authorizing the American Embassy in [redacted] to contact the United States in plain English text without censorship. He stated the U. S. [redacted] has advised through [redacted] that similar arrangements are being carried out by the [redacted] Government. He wanted to know what the Bureau thought about allowing the [redacted] here to communicate with their governments in straight text. I told him this is a matter to be passed on by the State Department in view of their knowledge of the international situation. I pointed out to him the limitations of the Bureau's operations in the field of censorship, etc. I told him the Bureau would defer to the decision of the State Department in this matter.

Respectfully,

*[Signature]*  
Edward A. Tamm

*Home to NYC,  
later authorized*

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

December 16, 1941

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Beahm \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Dictated 4:15 P.M.  
and 7:05 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: CENSORSHIP - STATE DEPARTMENT

3:25 P.M.

Mr. Gordon, State Department, telephoned. Secretary Hull and Mr. Long are greatly disturbed about messages not clearing through the [redacted]

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3:27 P.M.

I called Captain Fenn. He had received protests of this sort from the State Department yesterday and today. He received the instructions Friday to expedite such communications. He issued orders to all his stations. He has even sent messages to his [redacted] Stations to expedite all messages of an official character to and from [redacted]. He sent out yesterday messages to all his stations asking them to investigate back messages to find out if there had been any such communications delayed or transmitted. From reports received from all, they have seen no such messages.

He has even found out today from the State Department that the code address for the [redacted], and he has notified all his stations to expedite that sort of message. He has called the local telegraph agencies. There has been no message held up in Washington. He has no idea whether any such message has been dispatched and he has been unable to locate any evidence that any has been received in the U.S.A.

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Mr. Fletcher Warren called and I gave him the same information. I also had Mr. McKee check RCA, Western Union and Postal to see if, by accident, they had misinterpreted any of his instructions. McKee made a check and found out there had been no such messages and, therefore, they were not [redacted] any. The State Department is going to send through a test message to get an itemization from the American [redacted] as to all messages which have been transmitted and not promptly handled, in order that they can check up on the matter. I called Fenn about this and he thought it was a good idea. He has been unable to locate any whatsoever.

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6:00 P.M.

Captain Fenn called and stated that his representative had located some messages sent via RCA and that some of them were addressed to [redacted] and others were addressed just to [redacted] WASHINGTON

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Several of these messages had been found. In fact, they found that one this afternoon had already been dispatched, but that his censor had put the directions "In Care of the [redacted] on the message, which he stated was as stupid a thing as could possibly happen. I told him those messages should be promptly expedited. He stated that the messages were then being sent through according to the reports from New York. b7E

At this point, the Director called about the situation and had information from Mr. Long of the State Department identical with that furnished by Captain Fenn. I called Fenn again and he stated he had furnished the information to Mr. Long. I asked him if the messages were definitely coming through. He stated that was the last advice he had and he was unable at that time to get his office on the teletypewriter. So, in disgust, I called Mr. Foxworth who called back a few moments later and stated that the messages were coming through and the [redacted] would be deluged with these messages. b7E

I notified the Director and then called Captain Fenn and informed him of this fact. Fenn stated in the meantime he found that they were still looking to see if there were any additional messages. He stated he was going to find out definitely who was responsible for this mishap in his New York Office. I told him I thought that was a very important thing to do and that it should be done promptly.

#### FINNISH MESSAGES

Captain Fenn was informed that all [redacted] messages to and from the [redacted] should be sent through, and that beginning tomorrow morning the messages would either have to be in English or be accompanied by the English translation and they should be sent through when these instructions were followed. b7E

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

LAH:BG  
CALLED: 11:30 AM  
DICTATED: 11:31 AM

December 22, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: CENSORSHIP - NAVY

Captain Fenn telephoned and stated that the following message was being held by the Naval Censor at San Francisco:

HONOLULU, T. H.

"INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS  
1003 K STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C.

INFORMATION RECEIVED THAT ALL LABOR LAWS  
APPLICABLE TO HAWAII WILL BE SUSPENDED UNDER  
MARSHAL LAW. PROTEST THIS ACTION AS  
UNWARRANTED AND UNNECESSARY. LABOR RIGHTS  
JEOPARDIZED.

(signed) "OPERATING ENGINEERS UNION"

Captain Fenn stated that this message was being delayed because of the contents. He desired instructions as to whether it should be passed.

The above message was referred to Mr. Price who stated he would communicate directly with Captain Fenn.

Mr. Price asked whether we had any opinion on this as to whether it should be passed and was informed that we did not.

Respectfully,  
H. H. Clegg

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

DECEMBER 24, 1941

Transmit the following message to: SAC LOS ANGELES  
SAN FRANCISCO  
CHICAGO  
NEW ORLEANS  
NEW YORK  
PORTLAND  
SEATTLE  
HOUSTON  
CLEVELAND

REFERENCE PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS TO STOP DELIVERY BY POST OFFICE OF  
MAIL TO CERTAIN ALIEN CONSULATES AND INSTRUCTIONS TO STOP DELIVERY OR  
ACCEPTANCE OF TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS TO OR FROM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BUREAU NOW DESIRES SUCH MAIL AND TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS  
ALREADY STOPPED TO BE OBTAINED BY YOU AND FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU.  
MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO OBTAIN SUCH COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED BY POST OFFICE  
OR COMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES IN THE FUTURE AND FORWARD PROMPTLY TO  
BUREAU. ABOVE INSTRUCTIONS APPLY TO ANY [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] YOUR DIVISION.

HOOVER

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Mr. Nease	
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FBI SAN FRANCISCO

12-27-41

10-15 AM

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DIRECTOR

DUCK. ATTENTION ASST. DIRECTOR TAMM. PACKAGE RECEIVED VIA  b7E  
FROM HONOLULU EIGHT FORTY FIVE AM. FORWARDED AMSD NINE THIRTY AM .  
EXPECTED ARRIVE WASHINGTON NINE THIRTY AM TOMORROW WEATHER PERMITTING.

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8:20 PM

Captain Fenn of ONI called and when advised that Mr. Hoover had left for the day, he asked that the Director be advised that he checked further on the [ ] situation and determined that the messages started coming in at 7:00 PM and have all been delivered. There were 15 of them.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

December 17, 1941

TIME: 1:00 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent Cruise of the Washington Field Office called and said another message had just been received by RCA from the [redacted] Government for the [redacted]

Mr. Carlson, who was on late duty in this division, immediately telephoned the State Department. Mr. Gordon's office and Mr. Fletcher's office were both closed. Mr. Carlson talked with Mr. W. D. Moreland, in the Secretary's office and advised him this message had been received and the FBI would arrange to have RCA send it over to them immediately. He said this would be satisfactory.

Mr. Carlson immediately advised Special Agent Cruise to instruct RCA to send this message to the State Department in care of Mr. W. D. Moreland who would take care of it.

At 8:00 A.M., Mr. M. C. Spear called and said Moreland of the State Department called; that he had asked for Carlson but the switchboard got it confused with "Carson" who was not in. Spear took the message from him. Moreland said the message had been cleared by the State Department and would be delivered this morning to the [redacted] Spear advised the Washington Field Office.

Respectfully,

H. H. CLEGG

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HHC:BG

December 16, 1941

Time of call: 3:25 PM

Memo dictated: 4:15 PM

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: CENSORSHIP - TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Mr. Cairns, Treasury Department, telephoned. The Federal Reserve Banks continue to call him to find out how messages by letter and cable can be cleared. He was furnished the addresses of the New York censorship establishments, as follows:

Cable Censor - Admiral Cook  
67 Broad Street  
New York City

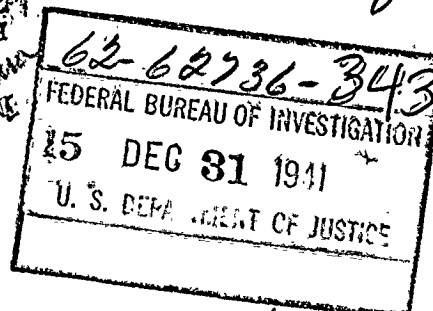
Postal Censor - Major Harry O. Compton  
c/o Post Office Inspector J. J. Doran  
Post Office Annex Building  
New York City

Mr. Cairns was advised at 3:55 P.M.

Respectfully,

H. R. Clegg

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

December 15, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Foxworth \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Drayton \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

In telephone conversation with Colonel Bissell of the War Department he stated that he had been informed that seven reels of films covering the destruction in Hawaii would arrive in Washington this evening by plane in the hands of one of the Bureau Agents. He stated he would like to get these pictures in the War College for processing if agreeable with the Bureau and asked that the pictures be turned over to Major B. A. Dixon of the War College. I advised Colonel Bissell that it is my understanding that there are only three reels of amateur films and that same are coming by train.

After checking on the above matter, I called Colonel Bissell and advised him that we have no Agent acting as a courier for this film. I also advised him that this film was sent by express pouch out of San Francisco apparently last night, and that we would let him know just as soon as same arrived.

Very truly yours,

Edward A. Tamm

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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December 8, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

At the present time Western Union is holding all international communications pending further instructions. It is suggested that the Western Union Company be instructed to refuse to transmit these communications on the basis that there are no facilities available at this time for such transmission. This order should apply to the following governments:



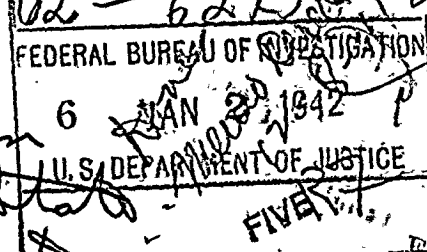
Respectfully,

A. Rosen

The original stoppage of these messages was effected at the specific request of the State Department, and since Western Union has asked for written authorization in this matter, it is suggested that a letter be transmitted to Western Union authorizing them at the request of the State Department to discontinue the service and return the message to the sender.

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Clegg should handle at once & establish uniform policy with approval of State. Action of positive character is necessary at once. N.





Dictated: 9:35 a.m.  
JBL:VGG

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

December 15, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Beahm \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

9:00 a.m.

Lieutenant Hines of G-2 called and stated that the Bureau has advised GHQ of the Army that [redacted] films from Hawaii and the [redacted] apparently moving pictures and still pictures of the attacks made by the [redacted] are being received in Washington. Lieutenant Hines stated that Military Intelligence desires that such films be transmitted to Military Intelligence rather than to GHQ and that MID be notified immediately upon receipt of such films in order that they can see that this material gets to the proper officials of the War Department. Lieutenant Hines requested to be advised whether we had received any word as to when this material would arrive in Washington.

I advised Mr. Clegg of my conversation with Lieutenant Hines and Mr. Clegg stated that he had been in communication with the War Department on this; that no planes were available out of California and that these films were proceeding to Washington by train. Mr. Clegg requested that Military Intelligence be so advised.

9:20 a.m.

Accordingly, I called Lieutenant Hines back and told him that the films were arriving by train and the interested Bureau officials had been advised of the request of the Military Intelligence that they be notified when these films are received at the Bureau.

Respectfully,

John B. Little

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
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December 20, 1941

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: CENSORSHIP

There is attached hereto tentative ~~National~~  
~~Censorship~~ Regulations prepared in the War Department and  
furnished by Major Corderman for examination. These regu-  
lations have been reviewed in detail by Mr. Hince whose  
observations are recorded in the attached memorandum.  
I have reviewed these ~~observations~~ and believe they are  
sound. It is recommended that the attached regulations  
together with the observations included in the memorandum  
be transmitted to Mr. Price. There is attached hereto  
a letter for this purpose and there is also incorporated  
a list of problems identified by the Subcommittee on  
Organization yesterday for transmittal to Mr. Price.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Los Angeles, California  
December 29, 1941

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: Mail and Telegraphic  
Communications to and from  
[redacted]  
Internal Security

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are two telegrams addressed to the [redacted] at Los Angeles, California, dated December 17th and 26, 1941 from the [redacted] at San Francisco, California. Also enclosed are copies of telegrams either sent or received by the [redacted] at Los Angeles, December 6th and 7, 1941. It is noted that the majority of the latter are coded.

The above mentioned telegrams and copies were all obtained from the Postal Telegraph Company at Los Angeles.

With reference to Bureau teletype dated December 25, 1941, to the Special Agents in Charge at Los Angeles, San Francisco, New Orleans, Portland, Seattle, and Houston, requesting that all mail and telegraphic communications to and from [redacted]

[redacted] to the Bureau, it was ascertained from Postal Telegraph, Western Union Mackay Radio and RCA Communications that no messages other than those mentioned above are presently available. It was further ascertained from the first three above-mentioned companies that the [redacted] has a censor stationed at each company office, and that whenever a company employee receives a communication to an [redacted]

[redacted] This procedure also applies to messages which the [redacted] attempt to send and also to messages sent only within the borders of the United States; this procedure was followed inasmuch as the [redacted] censor was the only immediately available Government Agent.

Lieutenant Commander N. M. LYON of the [redacted] Investigation Censorship located in [redacted] Los Angeles, advised that [redacted] Censors are located in all communications, 1941 companies and that their jurisdiction extends only over messages

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Messages Retained in Laboratory

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0 Censorship of cables, etc.  
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going outside the Borders of this Country. He further advised that  
all intercepted messages are sent to the [redacted]  
[redacted]

and that full information is available only at that place inasmuch  
as the actual censoring is undertaken in San Francisco.

It is suggested that the San Francisco Field  
Division contact the Office of [redacted] Censorship at the above address  
and obtain copies of the communications, if any, as requested in  
the Bureau teletype of December 25th.

Appropriate arrangements have been made to  
obtain additional messages received by the Communications Companies  
in the future, and upon receipt of same they will be promptly for-  
warded to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

  
R. B. HOOD,  
Special Agent in Charge

DEN:Mch  
cc: San Francisco  
100-8192  
100-8197

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LAH:MET

December 26, 1941

Special Agent in Charge  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the communications blocks which have been placed against the mail and telegraphic communications addressed to the [redacted] in Washington, it is now desired that all mail presently being held by the post office, addressed to the [redacted] by you and delivered to the Bureau for review prior to submission to the State Department. You should take the same action with reference to telegrams which may be [redacted] by communications companies at this time.

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You should make arrangements also so that when any further communications are received by the post office or by the communications companies for delivery to the [redacted] you will be notified. You will then deliver such communications to the Bureau for review and the Bureau will submit them to the State Department.

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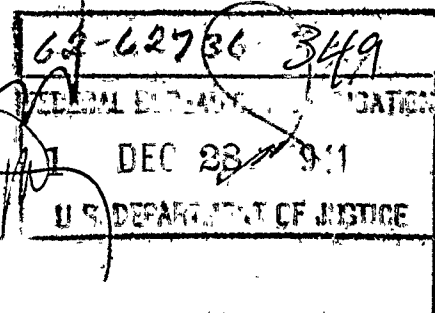
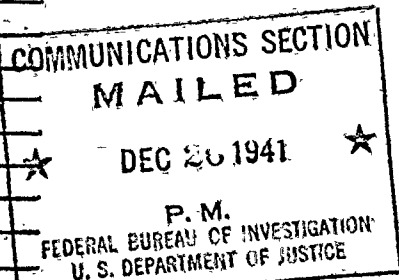
With reference to any [redacted] the occupants of which may remain in Washington, you should continue the existing communications blocks.

The term [redacted]

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



DML:mm

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
**Washington, D. C.**  
**December 22, 1941**

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TRACY

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Beahm \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

In response to the memorandum from Mr. Coffey with reference to the radio [redacted] I desire to suggest that:

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1. The radio [redacted] may now be discontinued in view of the fact that the staff has left that place.
2. No radio [redacted] is desired at [redacted] at the present time.
3. Radio [redacted] at the [redacted] should be continued for the time being.

Very truly yours,

*D. M. Ladd*  
D. M. Ladd

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
**Washington, D. C.**

December 20, 1941

**MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TRACY**

Re: [ ] Radio [ ]

Sterling of the Federal Communications Commission telephoned and would like to receive if possible answers to the following questions;

1. Can the radio [ ] be discontinued in view of the fact the [ ] has left town?
2. Is any radio [ ] at [ ] desired?
3. Is radio [ ] to be continued on a [ ] as has been done with negative results for the past thirteen days or may this [ ] be relaxed. If it can be relaxed so that several checks a day are made it will release personnel who can be profitably used on other urgent assignments.

I told Sterling we would attempt to get answers to him as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

*E. P. Coffey*  
E. P. Coffey

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Foxworth \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
**Washington, D. C.**

HHC:MET

December 12, 1941

TIME: 5:05 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Nathan David of the Office of the Coordinator of Information telephoned. Mr. Tyler of Station WRUL in Boston has advised that Mr. Eben Draper, representing Colonel Dalton of the Massachusetts State Intelligence Department, had called on Station WRUL and had requested copies of all literature, copies of broadcasts and other material.

Since broadcasting stations are not being censored it appears that the Massachusetts State Intelligence Department, if such an outfit exists, is encroaching upon the intelligence functions of the FBI and it is recommended that the National Defense Division request the Boston Office to look into the matter and take appropriate action, particularly to the extent of advising that the FBI handles intelligence matters and that Mr. Hoover coordinates censorship.

I checked with Captain Fenn and there has been no interference to any cable station by any outside organization of this type.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg / \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.**

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December 13, 1941

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR**

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SAC Petersen at Boston was telephoned and informed that he should contact Colonel Dalton of the Massachusetts State Intelligence Department and ascertain the nature of the request made by that organization on Station WRUL, Boston, for copies of literature, broadcasts and other material. Petersen was instructed to ascertain whether the activity constituted a form of censorship and if so, to inform Colonel Dalton that we are in complete control of such censorship as necessary and there must be no other handling of censorship. It was pointed out to Petersen that he should, of course, indicate that there is no press or radio censorship being carried on by the Bureau at present.

Respectfully,

*H. H. Clegg*  
H. H. Clegg

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg ☒ \_\_\_\_\_  
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TIME: 11:00 A.M.

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United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

December 15, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: <sup>0</sup>CENSORSHIP of cables, etc.

SAC Peterson at Boston was telephoned and he stated that he had informed Colonel Dalton of the Massachusetts State Intelligence Department that censorship was definitely not a function to be exercised by his organization. Peterson states that Colonel Dalton is an excitable, elderly gentleman but that he has been definitely informed and has agreed not to engage in any censorship activities.

Respectfully,

*H. H. Clegg*  
H. H. Clegg

*Mr. Nathan David*  
*advised 12/17/41*

Mr. Tolson ☒  
Mr. E. A. Tamm ☒  
Mr. Clegg ☒  
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Washington, D. C.

December 18, 1941

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Received: 9:20 a.m.

Dictated: 9:30 a.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: <sup>6</sup> Censorship

Major Corderman telephoned. He stated one of his assistants called Mr. Hince last night and was referred to Mr. Gordon of the State Department. The question he had in mind had to do with [redacted] and to the

[redacted] in the United States from [redacted]. The material was being routed via Miami and New York and [redacted] and they wanted advice as to whether it should be held up or sent through.

I explained at considerable length the negotiations of the State Department in the last few days trying to make it clear to Captain Kenn that the United States was not at war with [redacted] and that instructions had been issued that their communications be cleared promptly and, in fact, expedited. I told Major Corderman in view of this statement of the State Department there was no doubt of their intention that [redacted] mail, particularly to and from [redacted] should be expedited.

Major Corderman stated that when his representative called Mr. Gordon of the State Department, Mr. Gordon "blew up," and there was no answer forthcoming. He could understand why in view of the previous history.

Mr. Hince informed me that when Major Corderman's representative called, he did not explain his problem. He merely indicated he was anxious to get in touch with Mr. Gordon or some representative of Mr. Gordon in the State Department. He did not give any details whatsoever of the question and took it upon himself to deal directly with Mr. Gordon with the result as reported. Major Corderman was advised and told to tell his men to clear through this office.

Respectfully,

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

HHC:BG

December 15, 1941

TIME: 4:45 PM

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: <sup>0</sup> CENSORSHIP - STATE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Gordon telephoned that the [ ] government had permitted a communication to be prepared by the American [ ] which was dispatched to the State Department. He indicated that [ ] would keep open for twenty-four hours each day to make contact with New York; that the American [ ] would be permitted to send messages in English from [ ] and to New York for the State Department. In return they desired that the [ ] be permitted to send messages in [ ] from New York to [ ]

Mr. Gordon called later in the afternoon and stated that the [ ] language had been approved but that all the communications must be sent to the State Department for approval and clearance and the State Department will transmit them to the telegraph company for dispatch; that the telegraph company should accept no message unless it had been stamped approved by the State Department. This would also involve receiving the message from the State Department and the State Department would censor the message and thus no spurious messages would get out. Since this was approved by the State Department, I notified Captain Fenn, who stated he would immediately issue instructions to give clearance to such communications. The Washington Field Office was advised and instructed to notify the telegraph agencies that such communications in order to be dispatched must be received from the State Department or through the State Department and with the stamp of approval on them and that incoming messages could be delivered through the State Department.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.  
December 17, 1941

HHC:MET

TIME: 3:10 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: CENSORSHIP - STATE

Mr. Breckenridge Long called and stated that the [redacted] in San Francisco had complained that he was unable to get any messages dispatched to [redacted] and other neutral or friendly territories. I told him no instructions to this effect had been issued. I said I would see that instructions were promptly issued that the [redacted] might get any message out, except to enemy territory, at his pleasure. Captain Fenn was present. I told him. He drafted a message and read it over the telephone to his office for transmittal. At my suggestion he told them to notify the [redacted] in San Francisco that the wires were open for him at any time.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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December 20, 1941

Mr. H. A. Richardson  
Box A  
Arrowhead Springs, California

Dear Sir:

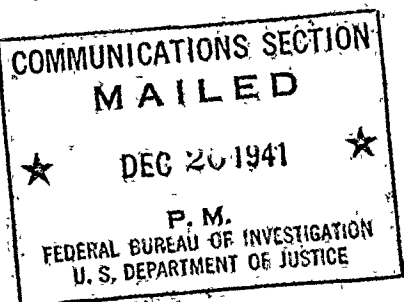
Reference is made to your letter dated December 10, 1941, with regard to the transportation  to the United States. I am referring your communication to the officer in charge of the censorship of international mail.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

From a review of various letters and telegrams dispatched from the [redacted] and furnished to the Bureau by the Washington Field Office and in turn by Assistant Director Clegg to the National Defense Division, December 15, 1941, the following is submitted:

Letters from [redacted] dated December 13 to Collector of Taxes, Water Department, Washington, D. C., the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, Washington, D. C., the Potomac Electric Power Company, Washington, D. C., the Postal Telegraph Cable Company, Washington, D. C., and the Washington Gas Light Company, Washington, D. C., requesting that someone be dispatched from each of these companies to the [redacted] to collect unpaid bills;

Note to California Pharmacy, 2162 California Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., requesting delivery C.O.D. of certain toilet articles;

Western Union telegram to Riggs National Bank, 18th and Columbia Road, Washington, D. C., from George Kobata, 2032 Belmont Road, Washington, D. C., dated December 13 requesting payment be stopped on his check issued to Mr. Long for \$115.

Western Union telegram from [redacted] to Emma Staubli, Apartment 3A, 214 West 92nd Street, New York City, requesting contact be made with chauffeur Richard to prepare himself for trip to Washington, (previous communications with this communication indicated [redacted] is endeavoring to get certain clothing and toilet articles from his New York address to be sent to him at the [redacted])

Western Union telegram from Misiyama to [redacted] Immigration Service, Ellis Island, New York Harbor, requesting advice of license plate number and location [redacted] automobile;

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Memorandum for Mr. Ladd

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Post card from [redacted]  
[redacted] Washington, D. C., personal in nature;

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Post card from [redacted] to Miss  
X Pilar Sq., care of the [redacted] Washington, D. C.,  
personal in nature;

Post card from [redacted]  
[redacted] Washington, D. C.,  
personal in nature;

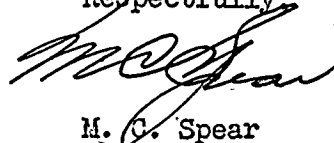
Post card from [redacted]  
[redacted] Washington, D. C.,  
personal in nature;

Post card from [redacted]  
[redacted] Washington, D. C., requesting  
him to call for ashes and trash at the [redacted]

Letters from Masao ~~X~~ Vagi dated December 14 to Stanley Horner,  
Inc., 1529 14th Street, N. W., Brentano Book Store, 1322 F  
Street, N. W., Raleigh Haberdashery, 1310 F Street, N. W.,  
The Young Men's Shop, 1319 F Street, N. W., all Washington,  
D. C., requesting each of these stores to have someone call  
to collect for the writer's bills.

All of these communications appear to be harmless and  
the originals are being returned with a copy of this memorandum to  
Assistant Director Clegg. //

Respectfully



M. C. Spear

cc Mr. Clegg, with attachment



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

December 16, 1941

HHC:LM

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: <sup>0</sup>Censorship

At 5:55 p.m. Mr. Kramer stated that the State Department had issued the following instructions which in turn were relayed to Mr. McKee at 6:05:

1. A direct line is to be installed from the [redacted]  
[redacted]
2. Cancel the telephone line from the [redacted]  
to the State Department;
3. Discontinue the line from the [redacted] to the  
State Department;
4. Discontinue the line from the [redacted] to the  
State Department;
5. Leave the line from the [redacted] to the State  
Department.

This will leave lines from the [redacted]  
[redacted] only running into the State Department.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
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*P. J. [signature]* b7E

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
**Washington, D. C.**

HHC:MS

December 12, 1941

Called: 4:45 P.M.

Dictated: 8:00 P.M.

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR**


Re: <sup>0</sup>Censorship

Mr. Tolson ☒  
Mr. E. A. Tamm ☒  
Mr. Clegg ☒  
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Miss Gachm ☒  
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Mr. Bruce Allen, Western Union, telephoned at 4:45 P.M. and advised he had been able to effect an arrangement through his New York Office whereby they would comply with Mr. Hoover's request not to deliver any communications to the

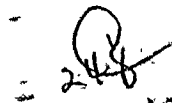
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Respectfully,

  
H. H. Clegg

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Dictated: 12:25 PM

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December 17, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: CENSORSHIP - STATE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Ladd telephoned and stated the State Department desired that the installation of the direct telephone line between the [redacted] be expedited.

Mr. McKee was instructed to take the appropriate action.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



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United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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December 14, 1941

Received: 12:01 A.M.

Transcribed: 12:15 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SAC Shivers of the Honolulu Office telephonically contacted Mr. C. H. Carson and while talking with him mentioned that censorship had gone into effect the other day and everything will be censored from now on. Mr. Shivers stated that this will cover all communications; however, he believes that they will be able to get a release on the communications sent by their office.

Mr. Shivers requested that you have someone contact the Post Office Department and have the Post Office Department authorize the Post Office Inspector in Honolulu to make available to the Honolulu Office a registered pouch which would be for their own use, that is to say that the pouch would be locked in the Honolulu Office, would be taken to the Post Office and sent straight through. Mr. Shivers stated that he thinks he can probably arrange this by himself in Honolulu, but he believes it would facilitate getting it done if we would have the Post Office Department authorize the Post Office Inspector in Honolulu to follow this procedure.

Respectfully,

*D. M. Ladd*  
D. M. Ladd

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Beahm \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

There is attached hereto a receipt signed by Lt. Colonel Carter W. Clarke of MID for 3 rolls of undeveloped film which were delivered to MID on the morning of December 16, 1941. This is the film which was sent to the Bureau by Mr. Pieper in San Francisco, and was apparently taken of the damage in the Pearl Harbor raid.

Respectfully,

*G. C. Burton*  
G. C. Burton

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Received from Special Messenger, F.B.I., three rolls  
of undeveloped film for G-2.

  
Carter W. Clarke,  
Lt. Col., G.S.C.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

LAH:BG  
CALLED: 11:30 AM  
DICTATED: 11:55 AM

December 22, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: CENSORSHIP - NAVY

Captain Fenn telephoned and presented this problem:

Mackay Radio or RCA will receive for dispatch from New Orleans to San Francisco a message which it is not objectionable to send or deliver. On the other hand, when it is broadcast by the Mackay or RCA point-to-point radio, the radio waves may be picked up outside the United States. It would be harmful to the national defense if some of these messages were picked up outside the United States.

The Navy censorship has the authority to censor such messages. Some will be passed and others will not. In that group which will not be passed for radio point-to-point communication there are many which Captain Fenn would pass if they were transmitted by land-wire or cable. At the present time he feels he does not have the authority to transfer a communication from one common carrier to another. He would like to have this authority. He feels that the communications companies may object to transfers because of additional accounting procedures. He would like to have our opinion.

This matter is being referred to Mr. Price.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg  
H. H. Clegg

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Brigadier General Sherman Miles  
Assistant Chief of Staff  
G-2, War Department  
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Miles:

I am transmitting herewith a package containing three rolls of undeveloped film which was furnished to me by the Special Agent in Charge of my San Francisco Office. It is my understanding that these films were turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation by the Army authorities in San Francisco for expeditious transmission to you, and, accordingly, since they have just arrived in Washington, I am forwarding them to you by messenger.

I am attaching hereto a receipt for these three films which I would appreciate having executed and returned to me.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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To Mr. Tamm for delivery 12:15 PM - 12:45 PM

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E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
**Washington, D. C.**  
**December 26, 1941**

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Tour Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Beahm \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

LAH: LH  
Received: 4:00 p.m.  
Dictated: 4:15 p.m.

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR**

**RE: CENSORSHIP**

With reference to the attached radiogram from Honolulu, Mr. Hince telephoned Inspector Williams of the Post Office Department. It is noted that the Honolulu division advised that the post office inspector there was [redacted] all mail addressed to [redacted] and stated he had no authority to deliver this mail to the FBI.

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Inspector Williams stated he would straighten this matter out and would see that the mail is turned over to the Honolulu Office of the FBI.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

Attachment

5:30 p.m.

Inspector Williams telephoned and stated that instructions have now gone out to the post office inspector at Honolulu to turn over the [redacted] mail to the FBI.

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MR. TOLSON \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. E. A. TAMM \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. CLEGG \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. GLAVIN \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. LADD \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. NICHOLS \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. TRACY \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. ROSEN \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. CARSON \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. COFFEY \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. HENDON \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. HOLLOMAN \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. QUINN TAMM \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. NEASE \_\_\_\_\_  
MISS GANDY \_\_\_\_\_

DECODE

FROM HONOLULU

DECEMBER 25, 1941

0055 GMT

P.O. INSPECTOR  ALL MAIL ADDRESSED TO

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HE HAS NO AUTHORITY TO DELIVER MAIL FBI FOR TRANSMITTAL TO  
BUREAU. SUGGEST YOU TAKE MATTERS UP WITH P.O. DEPT.

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Mr. [Signature]  
Mr. [Signature]

To Communications Section  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg ☒ \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

I talked with SAC Shivers at Honolulu on December 28th, at which time he referred to some material which he was getting for the Bureau, which he stated Mr. Tamm would be familiar with. Upon checking with Mr. Tamm and ascertaining that he was not familiar with the matter, I again talked with Shivers at 5:20 p.m. on December 28th, and he advised me that the material in question was the mail addressed to the [redacted] in Honolulu, which mail was being [redacted] by postal inspectors. Shivers advised he had this material and desired to know whether he should check it first before sending it to the Bureau, inasmuch as it would only take him about one day. I suggested that he follow this procedure, that is, check it in Honolulu before forwarding it to Washington.

Respectfully,

*D. M. Ladd*  
D. M. Ladd

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.**

December 12, 1941

LAH:PH

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: ~~X~~POSTAL CENSORSHIP

Mr. Tolson ☒  
Mr. E. A. Tamm ☒  
Mr. Clegg ☒  
Mr. Glavin ☒  
Mr. Ladd ☒  
Mr. Nichols ☒  
Mr. Tracy ☒  
Mr. Rosen ☒  
Mr. Carson ☒  
Mr. Coffey ☒  
Mr. Hendon ☒  
Mr. Holloman ☒  
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Mr. Nease ☒  
Miss Gandy ☒

The War Department has been authorized to begin postal censorship of incoming, outgoing, and transit international mail, effective as of 5 P.M. yesterday. All postal censorship stations except San Juan, Puerto Rico are to be in operation within forty eight hours from 5 P.M. yesterday. Major Corderman has advised that forty men begin in New York today and one man in Miami.

The War Department originally informed the Bureau of the locations of postal censorship stations contemplated. The names of these stations appear in the "Survey of Censorship Practices and Plans" and in the War Department's "Tentative National Postal Censorship Regulations," a copy of which was delivered to the Bureau today. The letter from Major Corderman received today concerning fiscal estimates for the first month's operation of postal censorship includes all those on the original list except Chicago and Anchorage, Alaska. A table showing the locations of the stations and the information furnished by Major Corderman with respect to fiscal estimates for the first month's operation follows:

"NATIONAL CENSORSHIP - POSTAL"

Summary of Fiscal Estimate - First Month's Operations

Station	Est. Payroll	Est. Exp. Equipment and Supplies	Est. Rental	Est. Total	Est. Total Personnel
New York City	\$96000	\$185300		\$281300	660
Miami	59500	76700	\$500	136700	380
San Antonio	70500	69200		139700	430
Brownsville					
New Orleans					
San Francisco	95000	100700			
Seattle					
San Pedro					

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Honolulu	\$53000	\$45300		\$ 98300	300
Manila	34000	33000		67000	200
San Juan	35500	34800		70300	200
Panama	58000	52300	500	110800	380
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$501500</b>	<b>\$597300</b>	<b>\$1500</b>	<b>\$1100300</b>	<b>3150</b>
Plus 10% for contingencies				\$110000	
Total Required for Field Stations				\$1210300	
National Headquarters				\$225000	
<b>GRAND TOTAL REQUIRED</b>				<b>\$1435300"</b>	

Major Corderman stated today to Mr. Hince that the station at Anchorage, Alaska will not be necessary, inasmuch as the mail can be handled at Seattle. He stated also that they do not intend to open a station at Chicago for the present, inasmuch as most of the mail will be [ ] and they do not feel that it requires censorship at this stage. b7D

It will be noted that the War Department estimates a total of 3,150 personnel will be required in the first month's operations, and that the total estimated expenditure for field and seat of government will be 1,435,300 or approximately 1,500,000.

The War Department indicates that the censorship will of necessity be selective up until the time the personnel has been increased to a point where it can handle the entire load.

The New York Office advises that the War Department is setting up an office to handle censorship in the main Post Office Building under Major Compton, Room 1003, 90 Church Street, New York City.

#### Trained Personnel

At S.O.G. Major W. P. Corderman has been preparing plans for censorship since June. He studied censorship practices in [ ] for ten days.

Captain Jacobus has studied censorship practices in [ ] for six weeks.

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Nine reserve officers trained by Major Corderman and Captain Jacobus are in Washington.

At Field Stations. Ten reserve officers trained by Corderman and Jacobus have been dispatched to the field stations. Additional reserve officers are being trained.

#### Censorship of Military Personnel Communications

General Miles stated on December 8th that the Army had installed its own practices of censorship with respect to communications to and from military personnel.

#### Postal Censorship at Bases

The War Department has advised that military censorship bases are in operation at [redacted] as follows:

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A further station in the [redacted] is planned. Stations are in operation also in Greenland and Iceland.

#### Space

Major Corderman has advised that arrangements have been made for space for censorship of mail in post office buildings at all of the points listed in the fiscal request, except [redacted] concerning which points no information is available.

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#### Volume of Mail

Major Corderman reports that statistics received from the Post Office Department with reference to the estimated monthly volume of mail to be handled at censorship points indicates that there will be the following totals:

Letters and Airmail	711,056 pounds
Prints	8,060,118 pounds
Parcel Post	3,713,586 pounds
Grand Total monthly	12,484,760 pounds

On the above basis, it would appear that with an average of thirty letters per pound, there would be roughly 21,000,000 individual letters passing through the censorship stations per month.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



LAH:MH

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.  
December 21, 1941

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gahm \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: CENSORSHIP - [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] MESSAGES FROM  
[REDACTED]

Captain Fern, Commander Carr and Lieutenant Creech have furnished the following information concerning the passing by radio and cable censorship of [REDACTED] messages dispatched in [REDACTED]

Such [REDACTED] messages are now being passed for the following:



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[redacted]  
Lieutenant Creech stated that with regard to all other [redacted] messages the [redacted] would not pass them in [redacted] without specific State Department approval for each message.

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Lieutenant Creech stated that the [redacted] is automatically passing code messages for one or two [redacted] and that the [redacted] is passing all [redacted] message dispatches from [redacted] at specific State Department request.

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Commander Carr stated that the Navy is now trying to work out a system with the State Department for the handling of codes and foreign language dispatches for the [redacted] of friendly nations. The State Department has furnished the [redacted] with the names of the following friendly countries:

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[redacted]  
All countries in [redacted] except enemy controlled countries.  
All other American republics.

Commander Carr stated that the details have not yet been worked out at the [redacted] as to a general rule to follow in handling messages dispatched by the [redacted] of the above listed friendly nations. Each message at the present time is considered individually and State Department approval required before the message is forwarded.

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additional  
It was stated that the only [redacted] dispatches for [redacted] of the above listed countries which have been passed since the outbreak of the war were one or two messages from [redacted] Government and one or two messages from the [redacted] [redacted] several messages from the [redacted] three messages from consuls to their Governments in [redacted]

It was stated that a considerable number of [redacted] messages have been suppressed by State Department instructions.

Respectfully,

*H. H. Clegg*  
H. H. Clegg

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Los Angeles, California  
December 29, 1941

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: Mail and Telegraphic  
Communications to and from  
[redacted]  
Internal Security

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Bureau teletype dated December 25, 1941, 11:29 AM, in which it was requested that mail and telegraphic communications to and from [redacted] be obtained and forwarded to the Bureau. The following mail which was stopped before delivery to the [redacted] at Los Angeles was obtained from the Los Angeles Post Office and is being forwarded under separate cover by air express:

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- 8 letters and/or Christmas cards;
- 8 bulky letters from the Japanese Association of Gardena Valley, California;
- 1 letter from the [redacted] at Riverside, California;
- 48 pieces of mixed advertisements, bills and other second-class matter;
- Numerous newspapers in [redacted] and English, and several current magazines.

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Enclosed with the mail was a notice to the [redacted] at Los Angeles from the Union Pacific Railway in regard to three packages presently being held at the freight depot for the [redacted] having been sent from the [redacted] at Washington, D. C. It was ascertained through inspection of the contents that the packages in question contained only household goods.

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Appropriate arrangements have been made to obtain any further mail addressed to the [redacted]

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separate cover via  
registered air express)

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Very truly yours,

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R. B. HOOD,  
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

December 14, 1941

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Mr. Clegg:

With reference to your attached memorandum concerning the censorship of the official mail of the FBI, I think it is very important that appropriate instructions or regulations be promulgated at once so that no FBI mail, incoming or outgoing, is censored by anyone. It is important, I believe, to get this done now so it will be definitely established when the permanent setup of censorship is put into operation; otherwise, the Army or the Navy may endeavor to try to exercise some censorship of our mail.

JEH

Let to Capt. Tamm  
" " Maj. Corderman  
12/15/41, Lhe.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg ☒ \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Mr. Clegg:

Please take this matter up at once. There must be some arrangement made so that official mail, particularly our mail, is not censored, either in or out of our territories.

JEH

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Foxworth \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Drayton \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Done 11:50 am  
12/13  
Capt Jacobus

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

DEC 13 1941

Bureau  
~~NATIONAL~~ RADIO

FBI SAN JUAN

12-13-41

VIA BUREAU RADIO

DIRECTOR,

INFORMATION OBTAINED TODAY INDICATING CENSORSHIP OF ALL MAIL IN AND OUT OF PUERTO RICO COMMENCING SUNDAY NEXT. IMMEDIATELY ADVISE WHETHER ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE IN WASHINGTON FOR PROTECTION OF BUREAU MAIL OR SHOULD I HANDLE ARRANGEMENTS THIS END.

GLEASON

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December 15, 1941

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62-1274-372  
Captain H. K. Fenn  
Office of Naval Intelligence  
Arlington Medical Center Building  
Clarendon, Virginia

PERSONAL AND STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Captain Fenn:

I want to point out to you that it is very urgent and important that mail addressed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation be cleared promptly.

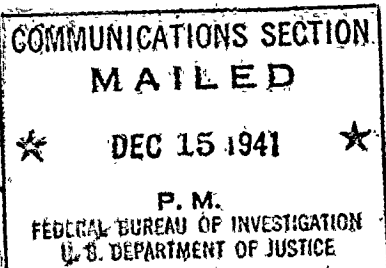
I would like to have included in the Rules and Regulations promulgated to the various censors, stations and establishments, the statement that FBI mail, radiograms and telephone calls should be interfered with or delayed in no way and that the messages should be expedited for very obvious reasons. Of course the necessity for this action is apparent, but I think it should be made clear to all stations and all examiners.

I would appreciate receiving a copy of these instructions.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Mr. Tolson ☒  
Mr. E. A. Tamm ☒  
Mr. Clegg ☒  
Mr. Foxworth ☒  
Mr. Glavin ☒  
Mr. Ladd ☒  
Mr. Nichols ☒  
Mr. Rosen ☒  
Mr. Carson ☒  
Mr. Drayton ☒  
Mr. Quinn Tamm ☒  
Mr. Hendon ☒  
Mr. Tracy ☒  
Miss Gandy ☒



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



HHC:MS

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

December 13, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Censorship

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Goshm \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

I talked with Captain Jacobus of Postal Censorship. He will immediately wire his office in Puerto Rico to make arrangements not to censor Federal Bureau of Investigation communications coming out by mail from Puerto Rico. It was suggested that the Puerto Rico Office be advised similarly.

A wire is attached hereto for this purpose.

Respectfully,

*H. H. Clegg*  
H. H. Clegg

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Letter to Mr. Clegg  
12/15/41*



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.  
December 11, 1941

HHC:LH

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. McKee called up and stated he was getting calls from National Defense Division, from Mr. Rosen's Office, and from this office concerning handling and stopping of communications in Washington and communications in and out of [redacted] in particular. Sometimes the orders were not identical. Frequently they repeated. He asked if some sort of clearing house could be established to let all these instructions clear through one point. It would save him a great deal of repetition and would develop coordination.

I talked to Mr. Ladd on the telephone and explained that this office had to keep track of all censorship, monitoring and surveilling or communications so as to maintain an itemized list of such practices and that Mr. McKee had complained that there was not a uniformity of instructions. Therefore, if he was agreeable, he could relay instructions pertaining solely to handling of communications through this office and by this means we would be completely informed as to developments and would avoid any overlapping. Mr. Ladd readily agreed and Mr. McKee was informed.

I designated Mr. Hince to go to the Washington Field Office with a list of accomplishments and requests to date as far as was known to this office in order to check personally with the Washington Field Office to see that all of the requests had been complied with and Mr. Hince has finished this survey.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

cc - Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Rosen

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See that we all get  
together & keep in step.

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Mr. Tolson ✓  
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Mr. Glavin ✓  
Mr. Ladd ✓  
Mr. Nichols ✓  
Mr. Rosen ✓  
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Mr. Hendon ✓  
Mr. Holloman ✓  
Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓  
Mr. Harbo ✓  
Tele. Room ✓  
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Mr. Nease ✓  
Miss Beahm ✓  
Miss Gandy ✓ b7E

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Mr. E. A. Tamm .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
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Mr. Hendon .....  
Mr. Holloman .....  
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Mr. Nease .....  
Miss Gandy .....  
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January 1, 1942

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

These are being furnished to the Bureau for its information.

Very truly yours,

P. E. Foxworth  
P. E. FOXWORTH  
Assistant Director

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has previously furnished all  
material of interest to Bureau  
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Washington, D. C.

December 12, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

There is attached hereto a letter to Mr. Frank Connolly of the Office of Production Management asking for priority on censorship office supplies. This request was made by Major Corderman. His New York censor had run into priorities difficulty in trying to get desks and equipment. Connolly said to write him a letter and he would do all he could.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

Mr. Tolson ☒  
Mr. C. A. Tamm ☒  
Mr. Clegg ☒  
Mr. Glavin ☒  
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*Letter Censorship  
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DIRECTOR



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December 12, 1941

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Beahm \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Censorship - State Department

Mr. Gordon of the State Department stated that the [redacted] is trying to telephone his [redacted] in Washington and he could not get permission to speak in [redacted] because Tropical Radio Corporation facilities would not permit this sort of communication. He stated he had talked with Captain Fenn yesterday who had issued orders that [redacted] communications could be carried on in [redacted]. He asked that I see that these orders percolate through to the proper communication officials in the United States. I called Captain Fenn and he stated his general orders had been sent out and he would immediately send out specific orders with reference to this particular communication as well as of [redacted] communications from [redacted] points.

Mr. Gordon stated that in reference to the inquiry as to whether [redacted] or any other friendly country could communicate with [redacted] even though it was an [redacted] that desired to do it, the answer was no. They would have to communicate with their own country and get the information relayed. Captain Fenn has been notified.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

Portland, Oregon  
December 26, 1941

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau teletype of December 25, 1941 requesting all mail and telegraphic communications to and from [redacted] to be forwarded to the Bureau.

There is enclosed herewith two originals of telegrams prepared by the [redacted] at Portland, [redacted] the first addressed to the [redacted] San Francisco Calif." and signed, [redacted] and the other addressed to "H. E. BOWSER Medford Oregon", and signed, [redacted]. The Bureau will note that in the telegram to the [redacted] at San Francisco MR. OKA states that he had been instructed to start for an undisclosed destination on December 30th but that it was impossible for him to arrange to do so in such a short time. He requested that the [redacted] ask the State Department to postpone the departure at least two weeks. The telegram to MR. BOWSER is self-explanatory, it being noted that BOWSER is the owner of the property whereon the [redacted] resides. Neither of these telegrams have been transmitted to the addressees.

There is being forwarded by registered mail and under separate cover the following pieces of mail addressed to a person or persons at the residence of [redacted] in Portland, Oregon:

1 airmail, special delivery letter from the [redacted] San Francisco, addressed to [redacted] Portland, Oregon.

3 letters addressed to [redacted] 1 addressed in care of the [redacted] Portland, the other 2 addressed to [redacted] Portland, Oregon.

3 communications addressed to the [redacted] Portland, Oregon.

2 communications addressed to [redacted] 1 addressed to [redacted] him at the [redacted]

It is to be noted that [redacted] was the former [redacted] at Portland.

1 letter addressed to [redacted]

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4 letters addressed either to [redacted]  
[redacted] it is believed, was the  
[redacted] and it is noted that on  
one of the letters there is a forwarding address of [redacted]  
[redacted] Portland, Oregon.

1 letter addressed to [redacted]  
[redacted] Portland, Oregon.

2 issues of the North American Times, addressed to [redacted]  
and the other to the [redacted]

3 issues of the Great Northern Daily Times, addressed to the  
[redacted]

2 newspapers in wrappers, addressed to the [redacted]

1 package, approximately 16" x 8" x 3", addressed to [redacted]  
[redacted] Portland, Oregon.

As future communications are received they will be forwarded  
to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

*J. D. Swenson*

J. D. SWENSON  
Special Agent in Charge

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HHC:BG

December 24, 1941

Mr. Charles J. Boorkman  
Quoddy Village, Maine

Dear Mr. Boorkman:

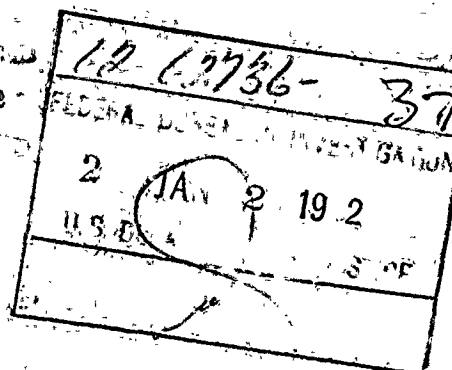
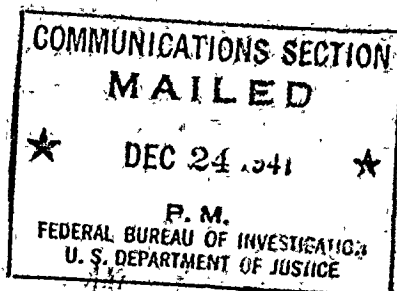
Your letter of December 16, 1941, which  
Your inclosures constitutes your application  
for a position in the censorship establishment, has  
been referred to Mr. Byron Price, Post Office Department  
Building, Washington, D. C., who has assumed the  
duties of Director of Censorship.

Your interest is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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NOTE: No copy of incoming letter and  
inclosures retained in Bureau file.



Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

HHG:BG

December 24, 1941

PERSONAL AND STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Byron Price  
Director of Censorship  
Room 4403, Post Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Price:

There is attached hereto a communication  
dated December 16, 1941, from Mr. Charles J.  
Doorkman, together with inclosures, which constitute  
an application for a position in the censorship  
establishment.

Mr. Doorkman has been informed of this  
reference.

Sincerely yours,

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DATE: 10-7-58

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Inclosures

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
**Washington, D. C.**

December 15, 1941

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR**

Captain Fenn of ONI telephoned and stated that in order to be forewarned he suggested the advisability of getting some word to the public to the effect that it would be a service to the communication facilities of the United States in the interest of National Defense if Christmas greetings of an international nature and also to the possessions of the United States be reduced to an absolute minimum by the public; that he foresaw a great deal of trouble and clogging of communication circuits if the normal amount of Christmas traffic persisted.

Such a request might be within the power of the Postmaster General; however, I doubt the advisability of the Director doing this.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

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Mr. Nichols	Mr. Martin A.
Mr. Foxworth	Mr. Martin J.
Mr. Tracy	Mr. Metz
Mr. Alden	Mr. Mumford
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Mr. Drayton	Mr. Smith, R.E.
Mr. Fitch	Mr. Spear
Miss Gandy	Mr. Starke
Mr. Gannon	Mr. Stone
Mr. Gearty	Mr. Strickland
Mr. Grace	Mr. Suttler
Mr. Grill	Mr. Tamm, Q.
Mr. Harbo	Mr. Thurston
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Timm
Mr. Hendon	Mr. Traynor
Mr. Hinze	Mr. Van Landingham
Mr. Holloman	Mr. Wacks
Mr. Kimball	Mr. Walker
Mr. Kleinkauf	Mr. West
Mr. Kramer	Mr. White
	Mr. Williams

*This personal letter was  
 enclosed in a large envelope with  
 a second and confidential sign  
 on it.*

O. H. PATTERSON



JEL:ECR

November 17, 1941

Special Agent in Charge  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

While Special Agent H. I. Dobbitt was attending retraining recently in Washington, he discussed with Bureau supervisors the possibility of effecting a coverage on all air mail going to [redacted] from the Los Angeles area in an effort to determine the possible identities and locations of [redacted] as a medium for the transmission of their information and reports to [redacted]. Mr. Dobbitt pointed out that efforts are being made by your Office to effect a working arrangement either through a confidential informant or otherwise with the Postal authorities in Los Angeles through which the names of the addressees and addressors of air mail to [redacted] can be obtained. Such procedure would also appear desirable with reference to other [redacted] countries.

Please advise what progress is being made in this respect in order that consideration toward establishing as complete a coverage in this respect as possible may be effected promptly.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Tracy

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DIRECTOR



**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
Washington, D. C.  
December 27, 1941

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Time 2:50 P.M.  
Typed: 6:30 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

*Ownership of radio & radios*  
*Mr. Pieper*  
*Mr. Pieper*

During telephonic conversation with SAC Pieper in San Francisco we discussed the matter involving the location of the submarine operating off the West Coast through our monitoring radio operations. Mr. Pieper stated the Army and Navy are now working with FCC to organize some coordinated effort to monitor broadcasts and he feels that as soon as this has been done, we should step out of the picture entirely. Mr. Pieper has in mind the great chances for error, the fact that this is really a military problem, and the fact that when anything goes wrong, as happened in this instance, the Army and Navy will be looking for excuses and we might be "left holding the sack." He has informed the Army and Navy completely of our method of operation in this instance, showing them just what can be done. They have admitted that they have no coordination in their monitoring operations at the present time although Mr. Pieper stated he understands there is a meeting in San Francisco today between Army and Navy officials and FCC for the purpose of setting up a monitoring system.

Respectfully,

Edward A. Tamm

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Washington, D. C.

December 24, 1941

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Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓  
Mr. Clegg ✓  
Mr. Glavin ✓  
Mr. Ladd ✓  
Mr. Nichols ✓  
Mr. Tracy ✓  
Mr. Rosen  
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Miss Gandy

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: CENSORSHIP of cables

Yesterday afternoon from 3:30 to 5:45 I attended a conference in Mr. Price's office. There were present at the beginning Mr. Gaston and Mr. Cairns of the Treasury Department, Mr. Jett, Captain Fenn, Major Corderman and at about 5:00 P.M. [redacted] joined the conference.

1. Mr. Price stated that there had been a favorable press to date on censorship.
2. He was of the opinion that no domestic censorship was authorized in the law or executive order.
3. This would make it necessary that press and radio censorship be on a voluntary basis, and he planned to have a small staff selected at his headquarters office to advise the press and radio. He stated all of his staff at headquarters he would want "cleared with the FBI."
4. Mr. Gaston inquired what should be done if the press had a story and it was undesirable for it to be printed. Mr. Price said, "You contact the press about this until we get our headquarters set up."
5. Mr. Price had had three complaints before he left New York about press censorship as far as Navy censoring of cable and radio communications was concerned. These were, first, that the file number had been eliminated. This had been adjusted. Second, when the censors eliminated information, the press was not advised what had been eliminated. Third, there was too great a delay on expedite press items. He then discussed with Major Corderman the problems of postal censorship and approved Major Corderman's making arrangements to send the [redacted] for censorship by the [redacted] with U. S. supervisors present.

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I notified Major Corderman and Captain Fenn and Mr. Jett that the increased training work of the Bureau had made it necessary that we dispense with the night man and that Mr. Carlson would not be on at night and our office would be officially closed by 9:00 P.M., that they should make arrangements to find out Mr. Price's number so that they could call him after that hour as well as any other time when they felt that a decision from the Director of Censorship was desired. Also I asked Mr. Price's secretary to furnish Jett, Fenn and Corderman with Mr. Price's home telephone number at the Shoreham. I instructed Mr. Carlson to report at 9:00 A.M., December 24 and thereafter.

Other subjects discussed at the conference were general or related to specific inquiries which had arisen with respect to each type of censorship.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

December 13, 1941

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Mr. Clegg:

See that the lines into any of  
the  under this  
arrangement are closed at  
once.

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg ✓ \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Foxworth \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Beahm \_\_\_\_\_  
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THIS HAS

BEEN DONE.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.  
December 12, 1941

TIME: 4:15 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Jett telephoned and stated he had received information that some of the [ ] have tie lines to RCA, Western Union, Postal Telegraph, and Washington City News Service (UP). He stated he understood that the Washington City News Service line to the [ ] had been discontinued. He did not know whether the other tie lines had been discontinued. These lines do not permit voice communication but as long as they are alive a signal can be sent from the [ ] to the telegraph service.

Jett stated he did not know whether these had been made dead but that if they had not, he thought perhaps they should be. He stated he had talked with Mr. DeWolf in the Sound Department who thought these lines ought to be closed. Mr. Jett mentioned that all of these lines are telephone lines leased by the telephone company to the telegraph services.

The Washington Field Office was asked whether these lines had been closed. In Mr. McKee's absence Mr. Weeks did not know. He was instructed to ascertain whether such lines are actually in existence and alive, and if they are, they should be discontinued.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg ☒ \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



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Dictated: 10:20 a.m.

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

December 14, 1941

Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓  
Mr. Clegg ✓  
Mr. Glavin ✓  
Mr. Ladd ✓  
Mr. Nichols ✓  
Mr. Rosen ✓  
Mr. Tracy ✓  
Mr. Carson ✓  
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Mr. Nease ✓  
Miss Beahm ✓  
Miss Gandy ✓

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Censorship ~~of~~ Bureau mail

I communicated with Major Corderman. No government mail will be censored if it bears official frank in accordance with his present plans. Specific orders have been issued to his San Juan establishment that there should be no censorship of Bureau mail. Further he stated there would be no censorship of Bureau mail in Hawaii. The only censorship of mail in Alaska is that being performed by military authorities in connection with their broad jurisdiction there.

It can be assumed I believe that all incoming radio and telephone communications will be overheard by [redacted] censors since they [redacted] but they will pass FBI communications promptly.

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Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

cc - Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Glavin

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DIRECTOR



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United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

December 13, 1941

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Time - 3:20 P. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Typed 5:15 P. M.

Mr. Shivers advised that a complete mail censorship was being installed in Honolulu today. The censorship will be operated by the Military authorities and Mr. Shivers requested that some arrangement be made here whereby he will be authorized to send his official communications through without censorship.

I am transmitting a copy of this memorandum to Mr. Clegg in order that it may receive appropriate consideration through the censorship board.

Respectfully,

Edward A. Tamm

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Censorship - War

Reference is made to your advising that during a conversation with General Miles he mentioned that a censorship plan had been prepared by Colonel Black of the War Department.

Colonel Black attended the meeting of the said Committee on Organization on the afternoon of December 13. He presented his plan.

PLAN I

Control of News Agencies

This plan in effect establishes what he calls a control center of Government agencies, which in effect would be a "ministry of information". It would seek to control the news distributed by the Government agencies to the press, would prepare directives to guide the press and radio in their dispatches, would effect agreements with the press and radio broadcasting companies concerning withholding information from publication in keeping with the directives, and would also determine whether the agencies are carrying out their agreements. This plan, it was pointed out, has nothing to do with propaganda but was designed to prevent useful military information from reaching enemy hands, and would prevent the enemy from using the American news channels to attack the American people. He cited an example that at times the only news dispatches from the [redacted] Their account of an engagement would be accepted as the only account available and sent out by press wires and radio to [redacted] countries to the detriment of the United States. This he states is presently being done.

PLAN II

Use of American News Agencies for Propaganda

Through the War, Navy, and State Departments and certain coordinators of information, a Propaganda Planning Board would be established to coordinate information in both the foreign and domestic field. It is noted particularly that the paramount propaganda interest today should be vested in the Army and Navy since, as he has stated, it is a weapon of war.

The Committee on Organization received the report of the Board for Propaganda Information to Mr. Hoover and the General Conference for determination of the administrative policy as to the desirability of such control agencies. The Subcommittee was not prepared to recommend either of these plans favorably. Its field report is in the U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

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propaganda agency was not within the jurisdiction of a censorship establishment and the question as to the need for a "ministry of information" and a "ministry of propaganda" was a policy matter for the President, the Cabinet and/or Congress to pass upon. When such agencies are deemed necessary and advisable, the attached plans might be referred to them for consideration.

The Committee further indicated that perhaps the Committee on Basic Policies and Principles would want to consider this problem, and copies are being transmitted to Mr. MacLeish for that consideration. They also recommended that if it was desired that these plans be considered, Colonel Black be invited to explain them more definitely.

My own view is that any control of the press should be on a voluntary basis in the censorship organization and as a separate division under the Director of Censorship. With reference to propaganda, this matter does not fall within the subject of censorship, but I do feel that the

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Photostatic copies of the two plans are being prepared. Two of each are being sent to Mr. MacLeish, the additional copies being for the Bureau's files.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



Central Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

December 24, 1941

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Received: 5:00 P.M.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ~~E. A. Tamm~~ *Coffey*

While talking with SAC Pieper of the San Francisco Office telephonically, he advised that he was submitting a letter containing recommendations which he would like to make to the Bureau for immediate action on the possibility of handling and coordinating the activity of monitoring in connection with radio messages in that area. He stated that it has been learned that the Army and Navy have not issued instructions in connection with this matter, and he stated it is a very simple mathematical problem of coordinating and knowing just where a submarine might be. He stated that if the Bureau could take the initiative, it might be possible to locate some of these submarines.

I told Mr. Pieper that we were working on something along this line, and told him to submit the letter to the Bureau, marked for my attention.

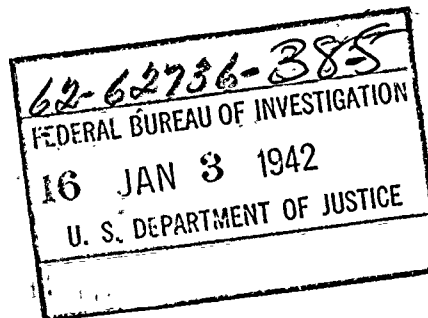
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PERSONAL AND STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Byron Price  
Director of Censorship  
Room 4406, Post Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Price:

Re: Pending Censorship Problems

Inquiries have developed the following pending problems which are being submitted for your consideration with respect to censorship:

1. There are attached hereto the tentative national postal censorship regulations prepared in the Information Control Branch of the War Department to which you will find attached observations which have been made with respect to these rules and regulations.

2. Space is presently being occupied by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] If the censorship headquarters is to be located in Washington, the question as to the desirability of obtaining additional space ~~in~~ these [REDACTED] buildings might now be pertinent.

3. It was suggested that there be approved at the convenience of the Director of Censorship a scheme of organization with an agreement as to the authority to be granted to the head of each of the censoring agencies.

4. A suggestion was made by a representative of the FCC that contact with officials of that organization might result in the disclosure of information which would be helpful to the Director of Censorship in preventing broadcasting companies from seeking to dominate the censorship practices in the broadcasting phase of domestic censorship.

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5. The necessity was agreed upon for having designated in each of the censoring agencies representatives who would act as liaison officers with the communications agencies such as Postal Telegraph, Western Union and RCA as well as with broadcasting companies and other channels of communication in order that a personal acquaintance and a friendly relationship might be developed in clearing instructions and coordinating activities.

6. There is attached hereto an informal suggestion received from Mr. Gordon of the State Department concerning the issuance of a communication to the various [redacted] missions in Washington relative to the subject of [redacted] from censorship. Concerning this proposed communication the Subcommittee on Organization recommended as follows:

a. That for the [redacted] mission the head of the mission and four specifically designated representatives would be permitted to sign [redacted] communications;

b. That for all other missions the head of the mission and one specifically designated representative could officially sign the communications;

c. That paragraph number three concerning [redacted] communications be eliminated and that silence be maintained on this point so that action could be taken consistent with the need of protecting American interests;

d. That, concerning paragraph number four excepting private letters addressed to the chiefs of missions, no private letters be excepted from censorship;

e. That, concerning paragraph number six relating to international telephone calls, the head of the mission and the same officials designated to sign communications might be approved to make telephone calls in their own language but that no [redacted] establishments should be included.

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_ these suggestions are being submitted for your information.

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7. There is attached hereto a communication from Mr. Milo Perkins, Executive Director of the Economic Defense Board, with suggestions concerning the handling of information received by censoring and giving approval to the proposed draft of principles for censorship.

8. Information has been received that news broadcasts from [ ] are received in the United States. They go out over the ticker and information is rebroadcasted and heard in Central and South America over short wave and regular broadcasting stations. This permits a [ ] version of an engagement to be disseminated with no other news source in confirmation or denial.

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9. The question of voluntary press censorship is still pending. The opinion has been expressed by some of those interested in this subject that this type of censoring should be voluntary and established as a separate division under the Director of Censorship. Included in the problem is the publication of scientific and economic information, which is believed would be of value to the enemy, in technical, economic and trade magazines and even in such magazines as "Fortune".

10. A suggestion has been submitted that one centralized distribution center be established to receive both [ ] and American intercepts for distribution to various interested departments and agencies of government.

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11. An informal offer has been submitted by the [ ] to loan censors from some of [ ] to aid in establishing an American censorship organization in Panama and getting it into more complete operation.

12. There is pending the determination as to the handling of all [ ] mail in transit at the time of the declaration of war and now being held in the United States at various points. [ ] censors have indicated that there are [ ] censors, about seventy five in number, at [ ] They had equipment and an establishment available and they would be glad to have this mail transported for their examination in the event it is believed that the time element is important. In view of the shortage of trained censors in the United States the recommendation

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has been made by the Subcommittee on Organization that this mail be sent to [ ] with five American supervisors as observers and in a supervisory capacity which the [ ] would be an agreeable arrangement.

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13. Mr. E. M. Earle of the Office of the Coordinator of Information believes that the entire question as to how much information should be published when it is issued by the Weather Bureau should be explored. He referred particularly to weather reports in the New York Times which he considered to be valuable military information.

14. The desirability of communicating with various interested governmental departments to inquire as to their needs in the field of censorship has been suggested. Major Corderman of the War Department has drafted a suggested communication for such purpose which it was suggested be transmitted to those agencies listed on the general organizational chart as making up the Censorship Advisory Committee.

15. There is attached hereto a copy of a letter dated December 12, 1941, from General Sherman Miles in charge of the Military Intelligence Division of the War Department, requesting the release of Major Corderman so that he may take a post with General Headquarters of the War Department, which post will be open for him for a few weeks. General Miles has been informed that this matter has been referred to the Director of Censorship.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure

December 19, 1941

1. Title 1, Part 1, Chapter 1, Section 5, which appears at the bottom of page 2, purports to explain a proposed act of Congress. The definition of "foreign communications" refers to communications "between the United States, its territories and possessions, and any foreign country; between the United States and its territories or possessions and any vessel regardless of the location of such vessel; and between such territories or possessions and other such territories or possessions; ..." It does not appear that this phraseology would cover communications from the United States to a possession or territory or communications from a possession or territory to the United States unless the statute contained a definitive provision permitting a desired interpretation.

2. Title 1, Part 1, Chapter 2, located on page 3, provides under sections 9 and 10 that the Chief Radio and Cable Censor and the Chief Postal and Wire Censor shall be the Executive Assistants to the Director of Censorship in executing censorship. If the term Executive Assistant is intended to be a descriptive organizational term specifying a definite post in the organization, it may need reconsideration in view of the proposed organizational scheme which would provide for the designation of a Deputy Director of Censorship and Assistant Directors in charge of Headquarters Administration.

3. Title 1, Part 3, Chapter 3, in sections 76, 77, 78, page 4, provides for postal organization of international communications at each District Censorship Station. It provides for the designation of a District Postal and Wire Censor in charge of the District Censorship Station. It also provides for a Deputy District Postal and Wire Censor who operates under the District Postal and Wire Censor and acts in charge in the absence of the District Postal and Wire Censor. It also provides for an Assistant District Postal and Wire Censor who acts in the absence of the District Postal and Wire Censor and in the concurrent absence of the Deputy District Postal and Wire Censor. This appears to be carrying vertical supervision to an extreme unless it is intended that the Deputy and the Assistant have specific and divided responsibilities, moving up to the position of Acting District Postal and Wire Censor only in his absence and having specific and divided duties at other times.

4. Title 2, Part 1, Chapter 10, section 95, which is found on page 7, states that "Selection methods are employed whenever practicable in order to reduce the amount of time consumed in the unprofitable scrutiny of harmless correspondence." This does not appear to be a sound conception of censorship. Both in theory and in practice it has been found that 100% censorship of postal communications is highly desirable, inasmuch as it cannot be determined without censorship just what constitutes "harmless correspondence". Accordingly, the

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objective of selective methods is to permit subjecting to censorship that portion of the mails which appears to be most important and selectivity to be employed only because sufficient personnel and equipment are not available to do a thorough job.

There is in this section a minor typographical error in line 4 of section 95 in which the word "persecution" is used and probably "prosecution" is intended.

5. Title 2, Part 1, Chapter 10, section 100, 101, 102, found on page 12 and 13, deal with the classification of mail for censorship purposes. Nothing appears here with reference to prisoners of war mail or interned mail and it is assumed that separate consideration is being given to these classifications of mail.

6. Title 2, Part 3, Chapter 13, section 122, found on page 28, provides for the duties of the Distribution Section as follows. "The Distribution Section acts in the capacity of a reservoir, receiving classified mail and articles from the Classification Section and holding them until required by the Examination Department." Subsection f on page 29 provides for the storage of non-suspect mail and states "The Distributing Section stores and has available a supply of mail from which a continuous flow of work to the Examination Department can be provided. A reserve of non-suspect mail is built up and maintained in the Distributing Section according to the classifications prescribed in these regulations and also to date and hour of receipt."

The general impression gained from these regulations is that there would be some considerable holding of mail, even to the extent of providing considerable storage space, the maintenance of a reserve, etc. Both in theory and in practice, mail should not be held or delayed beyond a reasonable period fixed by administrative regulations, although the period may have pliable limits. At certain Censorship Stations where mail once obtained by the censorship cannot be dispatched for several days because of lack of transportation facilities it will be desirable to provide for the organization of the censorship work in such a way as to provide storage and a reserve for distribution to examiners. In other stations, it will be desirable to restrict the sampling of the mail and the acquisition of mail for censorship purposes to those amounts which can be handled within a short period of time, such as twenty-four hours, in order to permit the prompt return of the mail for dispatch. It is believed it would be well to examine carefully the phraseology in this section in order that no erroneous impression of long delays will result.

7. Title 6, Part 1, Chapter - deals with field stations' administrative organization. In unnumbered section on pages 128, 129, it is provided that the procurement and Personnel Records Section will explore sources of applicants and set up an employment office; will discharge personnel and obtain personnel. This may have to be modified if a central employment division is created at the seat of government.

8. The Manual does not emphasize the disposition of information of offensive or defensive value. This is a very important, and in fact the ultimate avenue by which the results of censorship activity travel to interested agencies. It would be desirable to have this covered in the Regulations.

It is noted that the Information Division, Collating Section, assembles information of value to censorship. It is further noted that the Card Index Section of the Information Division provides a reference for all information available in censorship files. It is further noted that the Liaison Section is established with representatives of various governmental agencies in order to secure information of value to the censorship organization.

The only references to the disposition of information obtained from the mails is in Subsection 6 of section 127, Chapter 14, of Part 3, Title 2 on page 33, which states as one of the duties of the Business Mail Section "to refer to all interested departments, Bureaus and agencies in accordance with prescribed records, copies of all information obtained from the mails." This provision is incorporated by reference into section 128 dealing with personnel mail and into section 133 dealing with [redacted] mail; into section 131 dealing with uncommon languages. It is noted that section 136 dealing with printed matter does not make any provision for the furnishing of useful information to governmental agencies.

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Unless great emphasis is placed upon the importance of disseminating information obtained to appropriate governmental agencies, one of the principal if not the principal objective of censorship is not attained. Accordingly, none of the objectives mentioned in Title 1, Part 1, Chapter 1, section 4, Offensive Censorship, will be reached unless appropriate arrangements are made for the dissemination of information. For a long time we have been aware of the tendency of a censorship organization to obtain information from the mails and to hoard it. The [redacted] have reported the existence in their own censorship organization of a strong tendency to obtain information from communications, index, record, and file it without ever doing anything useful with it. The [redacted] have reported this tendency must constantly be combated. It is necessary that this tendency be overcome, for otherwise the censorship becomes a "dead end".

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9. It is noted that the Manual is only a partial one. It is noted that Part 2 of Title 1 is completely omitted and that this deals with national censorship headquarters. It is further noted that there are a great many portions of the Manual which have not yet been submitted.

December 23, 1941

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THE DIRECTOR

RE: CENSORSHIP

There is attached hereto tentative National Censorship Regulations prepared in the War Department and furnished by Major Corderman for examination. These regulations have been reviewed in detail by Mr. Hince whose observations are recorded in the attached memorandum. I have reviewed these observations and believe they are sound. It is recommended that the attached regulations together with the observations included in the memorandum be transmitted to Mr. Price. There is attached hereto a letter for this purpose and there is also incorporated a list of problems identified by the Subcommittee on Organization yesterday for transmittal to Mr. Price.

Respectfully,

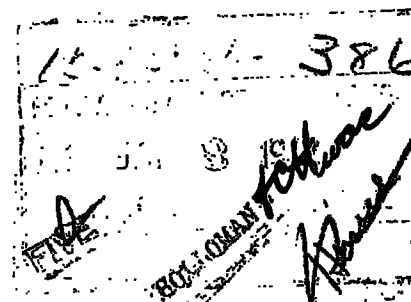
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My dear Mr. Under Secretary:

With reference to your letter of July 5, concerning the formulation of censorship rules, various conferences have been held between the State Department representative and the Navy Department representative with respect to this question, and the matter has been considered by the various interested Divisions of this Department.

As a result, I am enclosing herewith proposed forms of regulations concerning exemptions from the censorship of [redacted] mail and other forms of communication, which, if and when censorship shall have been instituted, this Department intends to send to the various [redacted] missions in Washington. While these regulations conform to the same basic principles

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The Honorable  
James V. Forrestal,  
Under Secretary of the Navy,  
Washington, D. C.

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principles as the censorship regulations sent to the [ ] missions in Washington in the last war, the present proposed regulations expand somewhat those of the last war with a view to having them more adequately meet such altered situation as may cause censorship to be instituted.

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Sincerely yours,

/s/ ADOLF A. DITLE, JR.  
Assistant Secretary

Enclosure:

Two proposed forms  
of regulations.

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The Secretary of State to The Heads  
of Certain [ ] Missions in Washington.

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The Secretary of State presents his compliments  
to their Excellencies and Messieurs, heads of those  
[ ] missions at Washington which represent  
countries aligned with the United States in the war,  
and has the honor to inform them of the following  
exceptions which have been made to the regulations  
now in force governing the censorship of mails  
entering and leaving the United States.

The transmissions of uncensored private mail  
of [ ] officials of the Allies, to and from  
all countries, will be permitted, provided that  
mail originating with a [ ] official bear  
the name and rank of the official, together with the  
official seal of the mission to which he is accredited,  
and provided that mail intended for a [ ]  
official bear his name and official rank together  
with the name and address of the sender.

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For the time being uncensored official corres-  
pondence will be permitted under official seal between  
[ ] officials de carrière of the governments  
of the countries above referred to and their re-

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spective [ ] missions in Washington; however,  
personal letters of [ ] officials de carrière  
are not exempt from censorship and should not be  
forwarded under official seal or put in [ ]

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[ ] Mail correspondence between [ ] officials,  
whether or not de carrière, in different countries  
is subject to censorship.

The above regulations are primarily formulated  
to assist the Censor, and to render easier the task  
of determining what mail shall properly be passed  
uncensored.

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The Secretary of State to the  
Heads of [ ] Missions in Washington

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The Secretary of State presents his compliments to their Excellencies and Honors, heads of [ ] [ ] missions at Washington, and has the honor to inform them that the following regulations governing the censorship of mail and other forms of communication entering and leaving the United States have been put into force.

1. Enclosed correspondence is permitted between [ ] and their respective governments, when under official seal. [ ] are likewise privileged to send and receive cable, radio and land wire messages in secret cipher and code; such incoming messages must be addressed to the mission or to the chief thereof, and outgoing messages must be signed by the chief of the mission or such other official representatives of his Government as he may designate. It is therefore essential that chiefs of mission notify the Department of State at once of the full names, full addresses, full titles and official status of all persons connected with their respective governments who may seek to employ secret cipher or code in any messages on behalf of such governments;

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no message in secret cipher or code will be passed by the censorship unless the address and signature on the message are sufficient to identify clearly the officials concerned as being among those with respect to whom the State Department has been notified as aforesaid.

2. Uncensored correspondence is permitted between [ ] in the United States and [ ] of the same power situated in other countries, [ ] The same applies to similar official correspondence in transit through the United States. The foregoing applies to cable, radio, and land wire communications; such messages destined to a mission in the United States must be addressed to the mission or to the chief thereof and when sent from such mission must be signed by the chief thereof.

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3. Although consular officials have no claim as such to uncensored use of the mails, this use will be granted out of courtesy and uncensored correspondence will be permitted between them and their governments, [ ] The extension of the privilege of exemption to [ ] officials

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shall be strictly confined to consular in accordance.

The foregoing applies to cable, radio, and land wire communications; such incoming messages must be addressed to the [ ] or to the [ ] officer in charge thereof, and such outgoing messages must be signed by the [ ] officer.

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4. Private letters addressed to chiefs of mission in the United States will not be subject to censorship.

5. No private correspondence whatsoever of individuals or firms shall be forwarded to or from [ ]

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[ ] officers under official cover or seal. In like manner, private messages of individuals or firms shall not be incorporated in cable, radio, or land wire messages sent in code or in clear language and signed by the chief of mission [ ]

[ ] officer in charge of a consulate. Personal correspondence of [ ] officials shall not contain letters forwarded in behalf of third persons.

6. International telephone calls to and from missions and consulates will be accepted only from chiefs of missions and such officials of their staffs as they may specifically designate - such designation to be notified to the Department of State - and from [ ]

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officers de carrière.

Owing to the necessities of the military situation the Government of the United States is compelled to request the different governments interested to give written guarantee in this regard.

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September 13, 1941

Interim Report

On January 5, 1913, the Secretary of State addressed a note to the Heads of [ ] Missions in Washington, containing regulations governing exemptions from censorship of [ ] mail. Under the same date, the Secretary of State addressed to the "heads of these [ ] missions at Washington which represent countries aligned with the United States in the war" a supplementary note. This second note was addressed to chiefs of the missions of the following countries: [ ]

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It will be noted that the above countries were not the only ones taking part in the War and signing the treaty of peace with [ ] as Allied and Associated Powers; in addition to the countries above named, [ ]

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the treaty of peace with [ ] as Allied and Associated Powers, and the note in question was

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not sent to missions of those latter named countries existing at that date in Washington.

The Department's files do not indicate the reasons for not sending the supplementary note to the missions last named, and apparently reasons connected with the attitude at that time of the countries in question, or of the personnel of their missions in Washington, determined whether or not the note in question should be addressed to those missions. Presumably similar considerations will be determinative if and when the United States enters the present war.

Likewise, the word "Allies" as used in the supplementary note of January 5, 1913, would probably equally correctly designate, should the occasion arise for sending the present proposed supplementary note, those countries which allied between themselves would at that time be at war with the Axis. If it should prove that in such contingency another word or phrase would be preferable, there will be no difficulty in making the change, inasmuch as in the present letter to the Navy the Department undertakes no commitments other than to state that, if and when censorship shall have been instituted, it intends to send to the various missions in Washington notes of the character enclosed with the letter.

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The foregoing is in response to the queries in the memo of September 6 from RA.

The assumption of EI that rules regarding [ ] service and couriers will receive separate attention is correct.

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In response to the memo of September 15 from NE, the freedom of foreign career consular officers in the United States to communicate with their [ ] missions in Washington is granted by paragraph 3 of the supplementary note (enclosure No. 2), which is to be addressed to such missions as the Department at that time will decide is fitting, all interested divisions having an opportunity then to be consulted, but it is deliberately omitted from the first note which is to be sent to all Missions still existing in Washington, if and when censorship shall have been instituted, including those which cannot be classified as friendly. As indicated above, there is nothing in the present letter which would prevent the Department, if and when censorship shall have been instituted, from addressing a separate note to a given mission or missions covering a desired arrangement concerning exemptions on the basis of reciprocity.

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George A. Gordon

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ECONOMIC DEFENSE BOARD  
Washington, D. C.

Office of the Executive Director

(Undated communication,  
received 12/12/41)

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I wish to thank you for your note of December 9 and the enclosed draft of basic principles and policies for the censorship of international communications.

I am in accord with the proposed draft of principles.

For the information of your committee, I offer the following suggestions as to the needs of the Economic Defense Board with respect to any system of censorship of international communications.

To tighten up the system of export controls, the Economic Defense Board should receive from the censorship organization all information pertaining to any of the nationals on the Proclaimed List or such other persons as the Economic Defense Board may designate. Such information is particularly necessary in order to prevent the evasion of the Proclaimed List through the use by blocked nationals of third parties or "cloaks". The need of the Economic Defense Board for information of this character obviously overlaps to some degree the need of the Treasury Department for information with respect to transactions involving foreign funds under control. Appropriate liaison and procedure should be worked out between the Economic Defense Board, the State Department, and the Treasury Department on one hand, and the censorship organization on the other, in order that each of the agencies may receive the desired information as expeditiously as possible and without conflict. Arrangements with the censorship organization must necessarily be worked out in view of the cooperative procedures in effect between the three interested agencies.

In addition to information of this character the Economic Defense Board should be advised of all information obtained through the censorship with respect to economic conditions prevailing within designated foreign countries. It is desired that a comprehensive economic intelligence system be set up to serve as the basis for the formulation of economic policy and the execution of the foreign trade program. As the [ ] experience indicates, information relating to the formulation and conduct of economic warfare will constitute about 50% of the valuable information secured through the censorship.

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The Economic Defense Board also requires appropriate procedures whereby transactions which are approved by it and constitute a necessary part of the economic defense program will not be unduly impeded or delayed by the operations of the censoring authority. Some sort of clearance should be worked out for the expedition, for example, of correspondence relating to approved transactions with the [ ] countries.

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Finally, the Economic Defense Board desires that the censorship shall effect an adequate control over the dissemination of technical information relating to industrial and productive processes which, if permitted to leave the country, may be of aid to the enemy. Existing controls, since they do not include postal censorship, have failed to put a stop to the exportation of such information.

I hope that the Economic Defense Board may be represented on any sub-committee or in any discussions which have reference to working out policies and procedures to handle the problems outlined above.

Very truly yours,

/s/ WILLO PERKINS

Executive Director

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Date

(Interested Gov't Agency)  
Washington, D. C.

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

Under authority granted to me by the President of the United States regarding the organization of a Censorship Bureau, I have delegated the censorship of international mail to the War Department, which Department has already established postal censorship at various ports of entry to this country. There has also been established a Cable and Radio Censorship under the [REDACTED]

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To make the censorship effective, both from an intelligence as well as a security point of view, it is desirable that the particular type of information to be restricted and the type of information of interest to the various government Departments and Agencies engaged in defense activities be ascertained. To this end it is desired to obtain an expression from your office relative to the following subjects:

1. That information, gleaned from the examination of international communications (incoming, outgoing, transit, travelers), does your Department or Agency find desirable to have relayed immediately thereto by the Censorship organization?
2. That information, gleaned from the examination of international communications (incoming, outgoing, transit, travelers) does your Department or Agency find desirable to be suppressed or delayed by Censorship?

Ordinarily, information of the type indicated in 2, above will be transmitted through the censorship organization in Washington to your Department (or Agency). However, in cases where expedition is essential, prompt transmission to one of your field agencies may be desirable. Accordingly, it would also be appreciated if you will furnish with your reply to the questions indicated in the paragraph

above the locations of all the field agencies pertaining to your  
Department (or Agency).

An early reply to this letter will be appreciated.

Director of Censorship

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IN REPLY, Refer to  
WID 201 CORDERMAN, W.P. (Maj.)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
WAR DEPARTMENT GENERAL STAFF  
Military Intelligence Division, G-2  
Washington, D. C.

December 12, 1941

Colonel J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel Hoover:

When the war started, Major W. P. Corderman was just about to be released by this Division to take an important post at G.H.Q. G.H.Q. is still very desirous of getting Major Corderman, and I hope will hold the post open for him for a few weeks. I hope so not only for Major Corderman's sake, but also because I believe that he will perform excellent service in the post in question.

I have explained the situation to G.H.Q. — that you have been designated by the President as United States Censor, and that under that directive you have charged Major Corderman with the organization of mail censorship. I have also told them that Major Corderman is, in my opinion, the only officer in the Army thoroughly competent to assist you in your important and urgent work.

I am writing this letter solely to acquaint you with the situation and ask that you release Major Corderman as soon as you can, consistent with the additional duties which the President has given you. If you could indicate an approximate date, say the first of January, at which this release could probably be effected, it would assist G.H.Q. in their decision regarding the post for which they desire Major Corderman.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Sherman Miles

SHERMAN MILES,  
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,  
Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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December 13, 1941

TIME: 4:30 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

The Washington Field Office has been definitely instructed that all tie lines to RCA, Western Union, Postal Telegraph, Washington City News Service and any other tie lines of this type between the [redacted] should be disconnected and this has been done.

Similar action is being taken tonight on the [redacted]

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Foxworth \_\_\_\_\_  
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December 23, 1941

Mr. Morris L. Ernst  
c/o Greenbaum, Helff & Ernst  
285 Madison Avenue  
New York, New York

Dear Morris:

I want to thank you most sincerely for your letter of December 16, 1941, with which you transmit a questionnaire with answers relating to censorship practices in [redacted]. Although I am directed temporarily to coordinate the activities in the field of censorship during a formative period, there has not been appointed a Director of Censorship, Mr. Byron Price, to whom I have passed the privilege of forwarding your communication for his information and guidance. I trust that this will be agreeable to you. I am sure that the information will be most helpful to Mr. Price at this, the beginning of his activities as Director of Censorship. I have reviewed the inclosure which accompanied your letter and find it to be of great interest. Permit me to express to you my sincere appreciation for your thoughtfulness in transmitting this material.

I want to wish for you a very happy holiday season and a new year filled with joy, good health and prosperity.

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

Mr. Tolson ☒  
Mr. E. A. Tamm ☒  
Mr. Clegg ☒  
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Office of the Attorney General  
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Miss Gandy	

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER

I am inclosing you herewith a copy of an  
Executive order signed today by the President, with  
reference to the Office of Censorship. I am also  
sending a copy to the other members of the  
Censorship Policy Board.

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Francis Biddle  
Attorney General

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EXECUTIVE ORDER

ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF CENSORSHIP AND PRESCRIBING ITS FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the statutes of the United States, and particularly by section 303, Title III of the act of December 18, 1941, Public Law 354, 77th Congress, 1st Session, and deeming that the public safety demands it, I hereby order as follows:

1. There is hereby established the Office of Censorship, at the head of which shall be a Director of Censorship. The Director of Censorship shall cause to be censored, in his absolute discretion, communications by mail, cable, radio, or other means of transmission passing between the United States and any foreign country or which may be carried by any vessel or other means of transportation touching at any port, place, or Territory of the United States and bound to or from any foreign country, in accordance with such rules and regulations as the President shall from time to time prescribe. The establishment of rules and regulations in addition to the provisions of this order shall not be a condition to the exercise of the powers herein granted or the censorship by this order directed. The scope of this order shall include all foreign countries except such as may hereafter be expressly excluded by regulation.
2. There is hereby created a Censorship Policy Board, which shall consist of the Vice-President of the United States, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of War, the Attorney General, the Postmaster General, the Secretary of the Navy, the Director of the Office of Government Reports, and the Director of the Office of Facts and Figures. The Postmaster General shall act as Chairman of the Board. The Censorship Policy Board shall advise the Director of Censorship with respect to policy and the coordination and integration of the censorship herein directed.
3. The Director of Censorship shall establish a Censorship Operating Board, which shall consist of representatives of such departments and agencies of the Government as the Director shall specify. Each representative shall be designated by the head of the department or agency which he represents. The Censorship Operating Board shall, under the supervision of the Director, perform such duties with respect to operations as the Director shall determine.
4. The Director of Censorship is authorized to take all such measures as may be necessary or expedient to administer the powers hereby conferred, and, in addition to the utilization of existing personnel of any department or agency available therefor, to employ, or authorize the employment of, such additional personnel as he may deem requisite.
5. As used in this order the term "United States" shall be construed to include the Territories and possessions of the United States, including the

December 19, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER

I am inclosing you herewith a copy of an Executive order signed today by the President, with reference to the Office of Censorship. I am also sending a copy to the other members of the Censorship Policy Board.

Francis Biddle  
Attorney General



From  
**THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**  
 TO  
**Official indicated below by check mark**

**MEMORANDUM**

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Judge Martin, Director, War Risk Bureau . . . . .	
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

December 9, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Colonel Lord, Assistant Director of the Economic Defense Board, could not be reached so I left information with his secretary at her request as follows: "Meeting of the Committee on Basic Principles and Policies this afternoon at 2:30 in Mr. Hoover's Office. Meeting of the Subcommittee on organization at 8:00 P.M. tonight in my office."

The opinion was expressed that it was doubtful that Colonel Lord and his representative would be interested in these organizational discussions but he or his representative would be welcome at either committee meeting and he would definitely be informed when next the general committee met. It was explained that the committee of yesterday was called solely to consider and initiate organization of procedures.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

Mr. Tolson ☒  
Mr. E. A. Tamm ☒  
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Major W. P. Corderman  
Office of Military Intelligence  
Room 200, Old Dominion Building  
Clarendon, Virginia

Dear Major Corderman:

There is attached hereto a copy of a letter  
dealing with a problem of postal censorship.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Dictated: 11:30 AM, 12/23

December 23, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: CENSORSHIP - NAVY

Captain Fenn telephoned concerning two lines which go from the United States to Cuba and which are leased. One of them is used, at least part time, by Olavarria & Company, 99 Wall Street, New York City. The other is used, at least part time, by Lobo & Company of New York City.

Captain Fenn advises that from information he has received both of these concerns are "smelly." He doesn't have the personnel to censor them and they are of such a character that the FBI might desire to conduct investigations and, if desired, place technical surveillances on the lines.

I told him that I would submit the information to the National Defense of the Bureau to determine if any investigation had been made or was desirable but that the only operators of this Bureau were those engaged in operating the Bureau's own radio station. He stated that the lines are telegraph rather than telephone lines. Captain Fenn will recommend to the new Director of Censorship that the lines be taken out.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

cc-Mr. Ladd

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BUREAU OF INFORMATION CONTROL  
APPLICANT MATTER

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that on December 13, 1941 Lieutenant CHARLES A. BRISCOE, United States Army Intelligence, Ninth Corps Area, with headquarters at Room 316, Rincon Annex, United States Post Office, San Francisco, California, appeared in the San Francisco Office. He discussed with Special Agent R. A. LAPACHET of this office the set up of the "Bureau of Information and Control", a bureau of censorship being established by Army Intelligence and requested of this office the investigation of the civilian personnel to be hired.

Lieutenant BRISCOE furnished the following information as to this organization: the bureau is to be entirely under the supervision and direction of Army Intelligence with headquarters in the War Department, Washington, D. C.. Major CORDMAN, United States Army, is in charge of general headquarters and Captain N. V. CARLSON of United States Army Intelligence is to be in charge of San Francisco Office.

The aim of this bureau is to prevent information reaching enemy powers and also to obtain information of value to the United States. All telephone and telegraph messages being directed to points any place out of continental United States and also within two hundred miles of the [redacted] are to be monitored. The control of all carrier pigeons is to be maintained. All air mail letters are to be censored and as much of the regular mail as possible. All mail addressed to persons in any of the [redacted] countries is to be censored. It was pointed out by Lieutenant BRISCOE that the [redacted] was handling the cable and wireless censorship, but that a liason officer of the [redacted] is to be stationed at this bureau.

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Re: BUREAU OF INFORMATION CONTROL  
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As for the personnel situation, Lieutenant BRISCOE advised that authorization has been received to hire civilian personnel regardless of civil service lists; that these employees will remain in civilian capacities but that each unit will be supervised by an Army officer. He stated that the hiring of from one hundred to two hundred civilian employees in San Francisco is contemplated, depending upon the flow of mail. He further advised that Army Intelligence has been ordered to set up mail censorship within forty-eight hours and that some employees of the United States Post Office are to be drafted for the time being. Civilian employees are to be hired for the present on a day to day basis if vouched for by Army officers. Interviewing of translators is to begin within a few days. These civilian employees are to be fingerprinted by the Army.

In accordance with Bureau Bulletin number 62, Second Series, 1941, entitled "Applicant Investigations to be Conducted by the Bureau for National Defense Agencies", Lieutenant BRISCOE was advised that a request for the investigation of civilian employees to be hired by the Bureau of Information Control should be made through the War Department in Washington, D. C. of this Bureau and that the San Francisco Field Division would be guided by the decision of the Bureau.

Lieutenant BRISCOE was also told that if authority was received by this office to investigate the civilian personnel of the Bureau of Information Control, forms prepared by the Bureau would be furnished that agency in order that the proper information would be obtained from the employee to be investigated. Lieutenant BRISCOE stated that he would follow the above instructions and see that this request was handled through his headquarters in Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,  
*N. J. L. Pieper*  
N. J. L. PIEPER *NP*  
Special Agent in Charge

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CC - Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Patterson  
Mr. Peeler

**L. B. Nichols**

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia  
December 29, 1941

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Attention: Assistant Director D. M. LADD

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is correspondence of the [redacted]  
[redacted] quartered at The Greenbrier Hotel, White Sulphur Springs,  
West Virginia.

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This correspondence is being forwarded to the Bureau in accordance  
with instructions received from Assistant Director D.M.Ladd.

Very truly yours,

*A.N. Carlblom*

A.N. Carlblom  
Special Agent.

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States Department of Justice  
San Antonio, Texas  
December 31, 1941

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: MEXICAN MATTERS  
CENSORSHIP

Dear Sir:

In confirmation of my telephonic communications to the Bureau to Mr. FRANK HOLLOMAN and other Bureau officials, I wish to advise that Mr. JONES has informed this office that everything is under complete censorship [redacted] This censorship applies to all mail between [redacted] and the United States. It also applies to telephonic communications; therefore, hereafter the procedure which has been followed during the past week or ten days of sending any communications not of an expeditious nature to the Bureau for transmittal to Mr. JONES [redacted] [redacted] will be followed.

It is suggested that the Bureau may desire to inform the various units who have information for Mr. JONES so that it may be transmitted directly by [redacted] instead of being forwarded to San Antonio, which necessitates its being returned to the Bureau for transmission by [redacted]

In the event a matter requires immediate handling and is of such a confidential nature that it cannot be trusted to code, it is believed that it should be transmitted by courier as was done in the recent special assignment of Special Attache DAVIS, which was discussed with Assistant Director LADD and Mr. HOLLOMAN.

Very truly yours,

*M. W. Acers*

MAURICE W. ACERS  
Special Agent in Charge

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. DECEMBER 27, 1941

Transmit the following message to: HONOLULU "DOUBLE CODE"

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT WASHINGTON, D.C. ADVISES INSTRUCTIONS  
ISSUED DECEMBER 26 TO POST OFFICE INSPECTOR HONOLULU TO RELEASE  
[REDACTED] MAIL TO YOU FOR FORWARDING TO FBI WASHINGTON.

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HOOVER

*Given sent to Ladd - 1:10 p.  
sent by " 2:57 p.*

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
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RE: MAIL AND TELEGRAPHIC  
COMMUNICATIONS TO [redacted]  
INTERNAL SECURITY

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Dear Sir:

Additional mail addressed to the [redacted]  
at Los Angeles, California has been procured and is being  
forwarded to the Bureau under separate cover. ~~C~~

This mail consists of eleven letters or Christmas  
cards, six bills, six advertisements, four commercial postcards  
and forty-seven newspapers. ~~C~~

Also included are five pieces of mail addressed to  
former [redacted] and one addressed to his  
daughter, which were furnished by the Los Angeles Post Office. ~~C~~

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Very truly yours,

*[Signature]*  
R. B. HOOD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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December 18, 1941

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thanks for your note of the

twelfth. I think your decision is very wise.  
*appreciate*  
 I believe what you say about my efforts to  
 be of service to you. I want you to know  
 that my services are always at your dispos-  
 ition.

Faithfully yours,

Archibald MacLeish  
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The Honorable  
 John Edgar Hoover  
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The Honorable  
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